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All lost positions recaptured

Iraq foils fresh Iranian offensive

BAGHDAD, June 13. (Agencies): Iraq said it recaptured all positions lost to Iranian forces today in heavy fighting east of its southern city of Basra.

"Battles raged between 11.30 pm (1930 GMT yesterday) and 7 pm (1500 GMT today) when the Iraqi flag was hoisted over all our defensive positions which the enemy dared to attack," a high command spokesman said.

Battles waged by the Third Army "turned the wicked Iranians, who dreamed to achieve a victory, into hell's firewood, except those who fled or were captured," it said.

Iraq said earlier its forces foiled a fresh Iranian cross-border offensive aimed at the Bubiyan and Kut Al Suwadi border posts east of the man-made fish lake in the Shalamcheh district.

Iraq admitted the Iranians had crossed the border in a "reckless assault" at the deserted police

posts at Bubiyan and Kut Suwadi 15 miles (25 kilometres) east of Basra.

But a military spokesman, who cannot be identified under military regulations, told reporters in Baghdad that the Iraqi 3rd Army Corps has "absorbed the momentum" of the offensive and contained it.

Iranian forces seized positions in Shalamcheh more than a year ago but were driven out by an Iraqi offensive just three weeks ago.

Missions

Iraq said its jets and helicopter gunships flew 310 missions against Iranian troops, positions and equipment during today's fighting.

A spokesman said the jets destroyed five Iranian helicopters parked at Umediya air base and hit an air base in Dezful in southwestern Iran.

They also destroyed 188 Iranian vehicles, 16 artillery emplacements and an unnamed

bridge used for military purposes, the spokesman said. All Iraqi aircraft returned safely to base, it added.

The first communique told Iranian leaders to stop shedding blood in vain "because there will be no hope for you to achieve your wicked aims."

A military spokesman said earlier Iraqi forces were preparing a counter-offensive "to teach the enemy a bitter lesson."

The Iraqi military spokesman said the new Iranian attempt was part of its aggressive expansionist policy and a reaction to the loss of the Faw peninsula in southern Iraq and Shalamcheh east of Basra.

Saddam

The southernmost unused Iraqi oil terminal of Faw and the Kut Al Suwadi and Bubiyan border posts in Shalamcheh were recaptured by Iraq in surprise attacks in April and May.

Baghdad television said Iraqi President Saddam Hussein had

returned to Baghdad after personally supervising the Iraqi defences.

It showed him in a meeting with Defence Minister Adnan Kheirullah, Chief of Staff Lieutenant-General Nizar Abdul-Karim and other members of the Iraqi high command.

The President was heard telling an unidentified commander that an Iraqi brigade had captured 200 Iranian soldiers.

General Kheirullah, in a cable of congratulations to Hussein, said: "If the Iranian rulers still have a little wisdom, they should fully understand today's lesson and extend the hand of peace instead of the hand of war which we amputated."

A military spokesman denied an Iranian report that an Iraqi warplane was shot down over the battle area.

The high command communique said Iranian artillery shelled Basra today, killing two people and injuring six.



Britain's Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher walks with Saudi Crown Prince Abdullah (left) to her official residence in London. (Reuters wirephoto)

Crown Prince Abdullah in London to cement ties

LONDON, June 13. (Reuters): Saudi Crown Prince Abdullah met British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher today for talks that were expected to focus on bilateral business and political ties as well as on the Gulf conflict.

The prince, who is also Saudi Arabia's first Deputy Prime Minister, is due to meet Queen Elizabeth and the Prince and Princess of Wales later in his four-day stay.

Deals

Government sources in London said they saw the visit as an important opportunity to improve ties with a man now playing a growing role in Saudi foreign policy.

Defence experts said Saudi officials could bring up demands that are threatening a \$5.5 billion (\$9.9 billion) deal to sell 132 aircraft, including 72 Tornado warplanes, to Riyadh.

Under the deal signed in 1985,

Britain agreed to offset part of the cost by investing in joint industrial projects in Saudi Arabia.

Don Kerr, a Middle East analyst at the International Institute for Strategic Studies, said that "offset deals are a muddy pond and it doesn't surprise me that such questions are arising. There seems to be no agreement in detail about what Britain should undertake, but it's obvious the Saudis are interested in new high-tech projects."

Defence Ministry sources said arms sales would be discussed when 64-year-old Crown Prince Abdullah meets Defence Procurement Minister Lord Trefgarne on Thursday.

British government sources said the two sides would also discuss tensions in the Gulf, where Iranian gunboats attacked a British supertanker on Saturday.

Israel deports Arab-American

Deaf Palestinian shot dead in West Bank

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, June 13. (UPI): Israeli soldiers, pursuing Arab suspects in a West Bank village, today shot and killed a deaf Palestinian who ran despite warning shots, Palestinian sources said.

Palestinian protesters and Israeli soldiers clashed in at least 12 other towns and refugee camps in the occupied West Bank, but no serious injuries were reported.

The occupied Gaza Strip was relatively quiet.

Also today, Israel deported Palestinian-American Mubarak Awad, a Jerusalem native who advocates non-violent resistance to Israeli occupation of the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

Awad was put on a flight to New York shortly after 4 pm. The government charged that he had lost his right to remain in Jerusalem as a permanent resident after becoming an American citizen.

A spokesman for Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir also charged Awad, 44, had incited violence during the Palestinian uprising, now in its seventh month. Awad denied the charge. The United States urged Israel not to deport Awad and said if he was accused of any crime, he should be put on trial.

The United States today condemned Israel's expulsion of Awad.

"We strongly object to the Israeli government action," said State Department spokesman Charles Redman. "In our view, Awad should not have been deported."

Suspects

Outside the West Bank village of Abwein, about 28 miles (45 km) north of Jerusalem, Deeb Mahmud Mohammed Hussein, was working in a field when soldiers began firing to stop suspects fleeing the village, residents told Ramallah hospital officials.

Hussein, who was deaf, began running and apparently did not hear warning shouts by the soldiers. He was shot in the forehead, hospital officials said.

An army spokesman confirmed soldiers had entered the area to make arrests, but said there was no information on the shooting, which was under investigation. It was not known if Hussein was one of the suspects being chased.

At least 215 Palestinians and three Israelis have been killed in the anti-Israeli uprising that began Dec 9.

In the West Bank village of Hebron, residents attacked three Arab postmen, delivering letters and tax notices. They stole the

mail bags of two carriers and stabbed a third in the cheek who resisted the attack. Palestinian sources said.

In Kalkiya, merchants tore up tax forms and vowed they would not pay taxes to the civil administration.

In the cities of Ramallah, Bethlehem and Al Bira, soldiers used tear gas, rubber bullets and live ammunition to break up demonstrations by students after classes.

Signed

Meanwhile, a group of Israeli and Palestinian writers and artists today signed a draft of a "peace treaty" between Israel and a future Palestinian state with a demilitarised Jerusalem as joint capital.

The treaty, signed by 150 artists, writers and academics, calls for the creation of an independent Palestinian state in the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip, seized by Israel during the 1967 Middle East war, and recognises Israel's right to exist peacefully within pre-1967 borders.

The treaty also calls for a demilitarised Jerusalem as a capital of both states, the signing of a non-aggression treaty under international guarantees and what it calls a "just solution" to refugees displaced by the creation of Israel.

Accused

In Tunis, the head of the Arab League accused Israel today of dealing a mortal blow to a US Middle East peace plan, but said an Arab summit last week did not close the door on Washington's proposals.

Chadli Klibi, Secretary-General of the 21-member organisation, also warned at a news conference that a Palestinian uprising against Israeli rule could enter a more violent phase if Israel's position did not change.

Commenting on the peace plan promoted by US Secretary of State George Shultz during his four tours of the Middle East this year, Klibi said: "A mortal blow to the Shultz plan came from (Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak) Shamir, not from any other party."

He added: "The Arab side has a very clear position, it does not show any rejection of the Shultz plan. The rejection comes entirely from the Israeli side."

Shamir has consistently rejected the idea of a United Nations-sponsored peace conference, a key element in the US plan, while Washington sees it only as a prelude to direct talks between Israel and its Arab neighbours.

Rajiv faces crucial electoral test

ALLAHABAD, India, June 13. (Reuters): India's ruling Congress (I) Party defends seven parliamentary seats on Thursday in by-elections widely seen as a referendum on the government.

Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi faces a personal challenge in the contest in Allahabad, home town of the Nehru family which has produced three of the country's six post-independence leaders.

Most of the parliamentary contests are taking place in the northern Hindu heartland that has been the core of the Congress Party which has dominated Indian politics since independence from Britain in 1947.

The by-elections are likely to be last before general elections which must be held by the end of 1989.

Challenge

Officials of both ruling and opposition parties say the results of Thursday's polls will play a major part in determining the timing of general elections.

Rajiv, is virtually on trial in Allahabad even though he is neither standing nor campaigning in the constituency.

It is here that his former cabinet colleague, now arch foe, Vishwanath Pratap Singh has decided to mount a challenge with the backing of most opposition parties.

50 feared drowned in ferry capsize

CHITTAGONG, Bangladesh, June 13. (Reuters): At least 50 people, including women and children, were feared drowned when an overcrowded ferry capsized in southern Bangladesh today, police said.

They said the ferry, carrying nearly 100 passengers, sank in the flood-swelled Shitalbaha canal near Chittagong port but only half of the people managed to reach the shore.

Those missing are believed trapped inside the sunken vessel or swept downstream by strong currents, one police officer told reporters.

DAY BY DAY

A RECENT medical report claimed milk consumed in large quantities prevented cancer. However, in an earlier report, doctors said plenty of milk harmed the liver — particularly among old people. These totally contradictory medical opinions have us "lay-folks" totally confused (and possibly some of the doctors too). The safest course of action is to follow the advice of our ancestors "Avoid excesses in everything — especially, in eating, as over indulgence of the stomach would cause problems".

Zahed Matar

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○ پاکستان اپنی تھیٹر میں
بائے گا
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رہنما کو مل بدر کردیا
○ ترک وزیر اعظم پہلی بار
یونان کے دورے پر
○ مکتوب پاکستان
○ اقتصادیات اور عالمی واقعات

WEATHER

HOT summer weather will continue with light southerly to south-easterly wind.
State of sea: slight to moderate
High water: 11.30 am to 10.30 pm
Low water: 5.30 am to 7.00 pm
Sunrise: 4.48 am
Sunset: 6.49 pm
Maximum temperature recorded:
Kuwait: 50°C (122°F)
Ahmedi: 48°C (118°F)
Faisal: 47°C (117°F)
Minimum temperature recorded:
Kuwait: 27°C (81°F)
Ahmedi: 25°C (77°F)
Faisal: 24°C (75°F)
Maximum humidity expected:
Kuwait: 90 per cent
Ahmedi: 40 per cent
Faisal: 49 per cent
Maximum humidity expected:
Kuwait: 20 per cent
Ahmedi: 45 per cent
Faisal: 55 per cent

Pakistan proposes N-test ban treaty

UNITED NATIONS, June 13. (Reuters): Pakistan proposed today a bilateral nuclear test ban treaty with India and a joint declaration renouncing nuclear weapons.

"Pakistan does not possess nuclear weapons, nor does it intend to possess them," Pakistan delegate Shah Nawaz said in an address at the special UN session on disarmament.

"We have not carried out a nuclear explosion nor do we intend to conduct one. Our nuclear programme is emphatically peaceful in nature."

"Indeed, we are firm in our resolve to keep our area free from all nuclear weapons."
Nawaz said all South Asian states had declared at the highest level that they would not acquire or develop nuclear weapons and Pakistan had made a number of proposals to convert these unilateral declarations into binding legal obligations.

Accept

"We are ready to accede to the non-proliferation treaty simultaneously with India," he said. "We are ready to accept full-scope safeguards to our nuclear programme simultaneously with India."

"We are ready to conclude a bilateral agreement with India for the mutual inspection of each other's nuclear facilities."

Nawaz said Pakistan would

accept any equitable and non-discriminatory agreement with effective verification arrangements that would commit the countries of the region, in a legally binding manner, not to acquire or produce nuclear weapons.

Allegations

Shah Nawaz also ridiculed claims that Pakistan is allowing Muslim rebels to subvert Afghanistan, saying such allegations were Kabul's "desperate bid to retain the protective umbrella of foreign troops."

Shah Nawaz, also called claims made by Afghan President Najib on June 7 that Pakistan is aiding Muslim rebels "wild" and "baseless."

"As the day for the total withdrawal of Soviet troops draws near, the (Afghan communist) regime is gripped with the fear of being overtaken by Nemesis," Nawaz told the General Assembly.

The Geneva accords for the withdrawal of some 115,000 Soviet troops from Afghanistan call for half of the troops to be out of the country by Aug 15, and for a total pullout within a year.
An alliance of Muslim rebels who did not sign the accord have vowed to fight on to topple the communist government in Kabul and establish an Islamic republic.

Iran threatens to withdraw from OPEC

VIENNA, June 13. (Reuters): Iran threatened to withdraw from OPEC's oil output quota system today, saying Gulf war enemy Iraq's attitude in talks here about a new production agreement was politically motivated.

"If they are going to insist on this political stand, I may also withdraw from accepting any quota for production," Iranian Oil Minister Gholamreza Azadadeh told reporters.

Iraq has refused to join in production restraint by OPEC, necessary to stop prices collapsing in the present glut, because the organisation has never met its demand for a quota as big as that assigned to Iran.

Iran has rejected the idea that Iraq should be given an equal quota. Iraq has fewer people and has historically produced less oil than Iran. But it contends that the war makes it a special case. (See Page 9)

Iran denies nuclear deal

NICOSIA, June 13. (Reuters): Iran today denied a British Sunday newspaper report that it had signed a nuclear pact with Pakistan, the Iranian news agency IRNA reported.

IRNA, quoted an informed source at Iran's Atomic Energy Organisation as saying the report in The Observer newspaper was "mere fabrication".

The Observer said in an uncorroborated report that the secret agreement had been signed in Vienna last year "to develop Iran's nuclear technology", IRNA said.

Meanwhile, in a press release issued by the Pakistan embassy in Kuwait, the government of Pakistan made it clear that there are no Iranian nuclear scientists being trained in Pakistan. At the same time, no Pakistani scientists have visited the Bushehr nuclear plant on Iran's Gulf coast.

Pakistan extends co-operation in the nuclear field to all Muslim countries alike for the limited peaceful purposes of agriculture and medicine. No other fields of co-operation exist.

Fighting flares at Beirut camps

BEIRUT, June 13. (Reuters): Fighting between rival Palestinians at Beirut's Bourj Al Barajneh and the nearby Shatila camps in April, shortly after Arafat visited Damascus and ended a five-year rift with Syria.

Meanwhile, security sources said that Muslim gunmen wounded 17 weekend revellers when they raided a restaurant in south Lebanon where people were dancing and drinking despite a ban on alcohol.

They described scenes of panic when at least 25 gunmen, believed to be pro-Iranian militants, invaded the restaurant and opened fire. The gunmen then ransacked the place, smashing furniture and musical instruments.

There was no immediate word on casualties.
At least 45 people were killed

INTERNATIONAL

Police arrest three protesters

Seoul students attack US centre

SEOUL, June 13, (UPI): Radical students attacked a US cultural centre with firebombs and tear-gas grenades today and a policeman died from injuries received when other protesters set his tear-gas resupply truck on fire, US officials and Korean radio said.

A spokesman for the US information agency in Seoul said three students attacked the front of the American cultural centre in Taegu, 250 km southeast of Seoul, shortly before noon with three molotov cocktails and two tear-gas bombs. There were no injuries and only minor damage, he said.

Demand
Police responded to the attack with tear-gas grenades and a tear-gas gun and arrested the three attackers, who were shouting anti-American slogans when they were subdued, the spokesman said.

The building was evacuated for about 15 minutes and the only damage to the centre was six broken windows and a slightly charred sign, the spokesman

said.
It was the fifth day of scattered anti-American and anti-government protests by radical students demanding an end to the US military presence in South Korea and a reopening of talks with communist North Korea on reunifying the divided peninsula.

The most fierce protest erupted Friday, when thousands of students attempted to march to the North Korean border to meet with communist youth and talk about reunification.

The government banned the talks and crushed the march with a massive show of force. But students clashed with police in downtown Seoul, hurling firebombs and rocks into the crowded streets.

Casualty
A riot policeman died Sunday from injuries caused during a student protest in a provincial city Saturday when students attacked his tear-gas resupply truck with firebombs, officials said today.

Kim Yong-Duk, 22, was fatally injured when he and eight

others jumped from a truck after it was hit by two molotov cocktails in Tejon, 145 km south of Seoul.

Kim, a conscript into the riot police, underwent emergency brain surgery but died Sunday, officials said. He was the first riot police victim this year.

Officials arrested 29 students today for violating national security and assembly laws. They were among 908 students initially detained during the protests last week.

Another 620 students were either released with a warning or referred to school disciplinary committees, the national Yonhap news agency reported.

Officials transferred 229 others to summary trials, where they will be either released or put in prison up to 30 days.

Prosecutors, meanwhile, asked for arrest warrants for 18 students who stormed and firebombed a building housing the Prime Minister and Foreign Minister's offices Saturday in downtown Seoul.

On Sunday, an estimated

5,000 students and dissidents gathered at the city hall plaza to hold a memorial ceremony for Park Rae-Jun, 24, who doused himself with paint thinner and set it on fire June 4. He died of his burns two days later.

Before setting himself on fire, Park was reported to have screamed "Kwangju is alive, rise in struggle," a reference to a 1980 civilian uprising in the southern city of Kwangju that was crushed by military troops.

Officials said at least 191 people were killed at Kwangju but dissidents and students say the casualties were far higher. Anti-government forces have blamed the nation's then-military rulers and the United States for violently crushing the revolt.

The funeral procession began peacefully at a downtown park, but turned violent as the students marched through the city.

Hundreds of the students stopped at a major downtown intersection and threw hundreds of firebombs as riot police fired volleys of tear-gas from armoured launchers.



A South Korean van catches fire after being attacked by radical students throwing firebombs. (Reuters wirephoto)

AIDS cases rising in US, Europe

STOCKHOLM, June 13, (AP): New AIDS cases are being reported in the United States at the rate of one every 14 minutes, and an estimated 365,000 cases will have been reported by 1992, according to the latest US government figures.

In Europe, 12,221 cases of AIDS have been reported as of March 31, more than double the number a year earlier, said Jean-Baptiste Brunet of Claude Bernard Hospital in Paris.

AIDS in drug abusers is increasing rapidly in Spain, France and Italy, he said. An estimated 300,000 to 800,000 people in 30 European countries are now believed to be infected with the AIDS virus, Brunet said.

Challenge
As up to one million people demonstrated in Yerevan to back the request, the republic's industry ground to a halt for several days in late February but, unlike the current strike, no formal call to down tools was issued.

This time, analysts said, the overt general strike appeal and threat of an unlimited work stoppage represent a challenge to the Kremlin viewed as unprecedented in Soviet history.

Dukakis and Bush face close contest

WASHINGTON, June 13, (AP): Democrat Michael Dukakis and Republican George Bush are likely to face a tight race for president this fall, but Dukakis is off to a fast start in some traditionally Republican states, according to a nationwide Associated Press survey.

Democrats around the country expressed optimism about Dukakis' chance to end eight years of Republican rule in the White House.

Republicans in the survey said the contest shapes up as a close one, but several officials added that Bush could win easily if he succeeds in his attempt to depict Dukakis as an heir to unpopular Democratic liberal policies.

Dukakis, the Governor of Massachusetts, leads in the polls in California and New Jersey, both of which last voted Democratic in 1964. He is running even with Bush in the polls in Utah, which gave President Ronald Reagan his largest majorities in 1980 and 1984. One survey shows him even in reliably Republican Nebraska, and within striking distance in Texas

and Florida, key southern states. Bush is perceived as running generally well across the south. Republicans have won four of the last five presidential elections, with Democrat 1976 Jimmy Carter's victory the only interruption.

Factors
While Dukakis leads in nationwide public opinion polls, there is agreement that political fortunes in the five months until the election will be influenced by factors such as selection of a vice-presidential running mate, campaign debates and the health of the economy.

Republicans say Dukakis' lead is a temporary result of favourable publicity in recent weeks from his string of primary victories against Jesse Jackson.

For now, Dukakis' lead nationally is reflected in poll results around the country and optimism among Democratic officials nationwide. He leads Bush by double digits in polls in California, the largest state with 47 electoral votes, which last voted for a Democrat in 1964.

Libya bans housemaids, nuclear arms

BEIRUT, June 13, (Reuters): Libya has banned housemaids, most divorcees and the manufacture of nuclear weapons under a charter aimed at achieving world peace, the official Libyan news agency Jana said today.

The agency, monitored in Beirut, announced a 27-point human rights document Libya hopes will lead to a world without wars, aggression and terrorism.

It quoted Libyan leader Muammar Khaddafi as saying he would join Amnesty International and urge the worldwide abolition of capital punishment. Libya has already abolished the death penalty, replacing it with imprisonment.

The agency said Khaddafi planned to send envoys around the world to "destroy jails, free prisoners, abolish the death penalty, hard labour and life sentences."

Khaddafi has set a precedent for his jail destruction plans. On March 3 he led the demolition of a jail in Tripoli when he smashed down its doors with a bulldozer, freeing 400 inmates.

The human rights charter abolished manufacture, trade and export of arms, including nuclear and chemical weapons.

Aquino leaves for Switzerland

MANILA, June 13 (AP): President Corason Aquino left today for Switzerland and Italy in a bid to forge stronger ties with Europe and expand the market for her country's exports.

"Now I leave for abroad without wild speculation about the stability of the (Philippine) government," said Mrs Aquino, who has survived five coup attempts since coming to power in 1986.

Armed forces chief Gen. Renato De Villa said troops have been placed on maximum alert nationwide and will remain on alert while Mrs Aquino is away. Snipers perched on the roof of the Manila airport terminal building, and two helicopters hovered nearby during the ceremony attending Mrs Aquino's departure. The trip is her fifth trip abroad since she became President.

Mrs Aquino said she was visiting Switzerland and Italy "to reaffirm our friendship with these countries and with Europe as a whole and to bring to them a correct image of our country and a just appreciation of what we are all trying to do."

Azerbaijani policeman shot dead

Soviet Armenians go on strike

MOSCOW, June 13, (Reuters): The Armenian capital of Yerevan was virtually shut down today as residents began a general strike in an unprecedented ultimatum to the Soviet authorities.

The start of the strike coincided with reports from Baku in neighbouring Azerbaijan that a policeman had died of gunshot wounds received in a new outbreak of street violence over Armenian claims to the Azerbaijani enclave of Nagorno-Karabakh.

"The majority of Yerevan enterprises are not working," a spokesman for the Armenian Communist Party newspaper said.

He said more than 500,000 people who gathered on Yerevan's opera square on Sunday had called a two-day strike to demand that the Armenian Supreme Soviet (parliament) take action on Nagorno-Karabakh when it meets on

Wednesday.
"If the Supreme Soviet does not adopt a resolution on this issue, the strike will continue" he told Reuters.

Demonstration

In Baku, meanwhile, an Azerbaijani Foreign Ministry spokesman said some 10,000 demonstrators had fanned out into the streets on Saturday after protesting against the Armenian stand on Nagorno-Karabakh, and shots were fired from a house.

"Police sergeant Ismailov died yesterday," spokesman Musa Mamedov said. He said the fatal shot had been fired with a hunting rifle and hit Ismailov at random. He denied that any Armenians had been killed in the violence.

The new eruption of ethnic tension in the Transcaucasian republics follows huge demonstrations in Armenia, strikes in Nagorno-Karabakh and anti-Armenia, bloodshed, in Azerbaijan last February in which more than 30 people died.

At the heart of the dispute is the small, mountainous region of Nagorno-Karabakh, ruled by Azerbaijan since 1923 although ethnic Armenians account for 75 per cent of its population.

In mid-February, the region's government called on the parliaments of the two republics to consider redrawing the borders in order to unite Nagorno-Karabakh with Armenia.

Challenge
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This time, analysts said, the overt general strike appeal and threat of an unlimited work stoppage represent a challenge to the Kremlin viewed as unprecedented in Soviet history.

Moscow picks first beauty queen

MOSCOW, June 13, (AP): Royalty returned to Russia last night as a 16-year-old student became the first Moscow beauty queen, winning a crown, two trips abroad and a suitcase full of cosmetics in a pageant that celebrated Soviet reforms.

Maria Kalinina won over the panel of 12 judges, who chose her from among six finalists in a contest that emphasised the bathing-suit competition.

The beauty contest, made possible by the more tolerant policies of Kremlin leader Mikhail Gorbachev, was the first of its kind in the Soviet capital, although similar pageants have been staged in several other Soviet cities.

In a question-and-answer competition, Ms Kalinina was asked what made the Moscow contest different from beauty pageants that have been held regularly for many years in Western nations.

"Ours is different because we have perestroika," Ms Kalinina replied, using the Russian word for Gorbachev's policy of economic and social reforms.

The third and final night of the gala event proceeded smoothly until the glittering crown was placed on Ms Kalinina's head.

At the moment, long-stemmed red roses began to rain from the ceiling, knocking off the crown and causing the beauty queen to duck and dodge, although she never lost her smile.



Maria Kalinina, 17, jubilates as she receives a huge bunch of flowers after being crowned Miss Moscow. (Reuters wirephoto)

UK tries to salvage its image

LONDON, June 13 (AP): The image of the British traveller, once seen as a model of courtesy and reserve, has apparently been given a black eye by a new breed of bad-mannered Britons.

The government, worried about its hooligans abroad, has launched a television advertising campaign aimed at salvaging the stiff-upper-lip image of its citizens overseas.

"It is a fact that over the years, particularly where the British are going in vast numbers on holidays, there are problems," a Foreign Office spokesman

explained.
Those problems include Britons who wind up in trouble with the local law as well as crimes committed against British tourists.

"Those figures have gone up enormously," the spokesman said anonymously.
British sports fans following their teams to games on the continent have run into serious trouble with police. Because of violence at soccer games, British soccer clubs have been barred from European Cup competition since 1985.

First visit by a Turkish premier in 36 years

Athens warmly welcomes Ozal

ATHENS, June 13, (AP): Premier Turgut Ozal arrived today for a visit that could be a milestone in Turkish-Greek relations across both gateways to the ancient temples saying "the Acropolis is a symbol of peace."

Ozal was greeted at Athens airport by Premier Andreas Papandreu and then reviewed an honour guard of Greek commandos wearing camouflage battle-dress.

The entire Greek cabinet was lined up to shake hands with the Turkish premier before he was whisked off in a limousine en route to a state-owned luxury hotel near the airport.

Before leaving Ankara, Ozal said: "Our two countries' problems are complex and of longstanding. We'll act in good faith and constructively and some elements troubling the relationship will be removed."

Earlier, a group of around 60 Greek Cypriot women protesting Ozal's visit blocked tourists from entering the Acropolis

archaeological site for an hour before they were moved away by police.

The women placed chains across both gateways to the ancient temples saying "the Acropolis is a symbol of peace. We don't want Ozal here and we don't want him to visit the Acropolis."

Rapprochement
The three-day visit to the Greek capital, first by a Turkish premier in 36 years, is aimed at strengthening a six-month-old rapprochement launched by Ozal and Greek Premier Andreas Papandreu when they met at Davos, Switzerland, in January.

They will hold talks in Athens without an official agenda. Turkish official said both sides will be free to bring up any topic for discussion.

Diplomatic sources said disputes over the Aegean Sea are certain to come up, and experts on both sides have prepared position papers on the subject.

Rain prospects cheer Indians

BOMBAY, June 13, (Reuters): Rain, and the prospect of plenty more in the 1988 monsoon, is cheering Indian farmers and businessmen after two bad seasons and one of the worst droughts in history.

Experts at the Indian Meteorological Department at Poona said the monsoon was running strongly and that rain should cover the entire country by its end in October.

"Parameters determining a forecast are overwhelmingly favourable for a good monsoon," meteorologist V. Taprial told Reuters in a telephone interview.

The rosy forecasts and the good progress of the monsoon, which arrived in the southern

state of Kerala a week ahead of normal, has brightened prospects for higher agricultural and industrial production and helped lift share prices.

"Coming after two years of drought, there could not be a more propitious monsoon than this year," said K.V.R. Subrahmaniam, president of the Bombay Chambers of Commerce and Industry.

Production
He said a monsoon that fulfilled predictions would help revive industries dependent on agriculture, such as fertiliser and agro-chemical production which are at present laden with heavy stock inventories and unused capacity.

A good monsoon would revive the rural economy and provide demand for textiles and consumer electronic goods, Subrahmaniam added.

The monsoon is also expected to improve electricity supplies to industry. The 1987 drought cut India's power — mostly from hydro-electric generation — and supplies in most states are down between 10 and 30 per cent.

Subrahmaniam said the monsoon's impact should lift industrial production growth to over 10 per cent in the 1988-89 financial year compared with nine per cent in 1986-87.

Commodity traders expect food grain and oilseed planning will be on time this year.

13 die in floods

ANKARA, June 13, (Reuters): A heavy storm sent flash floods raging through Ankara's shantytowns, killing 13 people and inundating 550 homes and shops, city officials said today.

They said the floods were the worst in 45 years in the capital of three million.

Three of the dead were electrocuted when power lines were brought down or electricity supplies short-circuited in the storm late last night. Radio broadcasts were off the air for four hours.

"The effects of the floods were heightened by the haphazard growth of shantytowns," said one Ankara official.

Ankara's Governor Saffet Arican Beduk told reporters the shantytowns of Gulveren Saffet and Abidinap were hardest hit.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Election lies

MOSCOW, June 13, (Reuters): A senior Soviet parliamentary official admitted today that authorities had frequently lied to the population about election results and predicted deep electoral reform would be enacted by next year.

The Communist Party newspaper Pravda called, meanwhile, for radical changes to revitalise the "ossified" Soviet parliament. It said the inability of deputies from non-Russian speaking Soviet republics to understand what was being said during parliamentary debates and the fact that many deputies lived far from their electorate, some even abroad, violated democracy.

HMS Conqueror hit

LONDON, June 13, (AP): HMS Conqueror, the British submarine which sank the Argentine cruiser, Gen. Belgrano, during the Falkland Islands war has been hit itself, by an unprimed torpedo fired from a helicopter, the Defence Ministry reported today.

A ministry spokesman said the nuclear-powered Conqueror was hit accidentally last week while on the surface during a training exercise and returned to its base at Faslane, Scotland, for repairs to bent deck-plating.

Ben Ali

TUNIS, June 13, (Reuters): Doctors have advised Tunisian President Zine El Abidine Ben Ali to rest for a few days to recover from fatigue, a presidential communiqué said today.

This will effectively postpone a visit by Ben Ali to neighbouring Libya. The visit, his first since taking power last November, had been tentatively set to start today.

Noisy protest

COLOMBO, June 13, (Reuters): Police used batons to disperse about 350 high school students staging a noisy protest in central Sri Lanka today, police said.

The students in the town of Wattagama were demanding the release of 23 university students detained in Sri Lanka in recent months.

Rajiv's concern

NEW DELHI, June 13, (KUNA): Indian Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi has expressed concern over the growing Pakistani violation of the Geneva agreements and said its continued assistance to Afghan mujahedeen could have serious implications for security in the region.

"Pakistan's continued military assistance to Afghan rebels could replace the Najibullah government with a fundamentalist one which could have serious implications on the security of the region," Rajiv said.

Tentative dialogue

MOSCOW, June 13, (Reuters): Kremlin leader Mikhail Gorbachev opened a tentative dialogue with the Vatican today by meeting a senior Papal representative, but both ruled out the possibility of an imminent visit by Pope John Paul to the Soviet Union.

Before receiving Cardinal Agostino Casaroli in the Kremlin, Gorbachev, asked by journalists when he intended to invite the Pope to Moscow, said: "Many things have yet to happen."

Aborigines

SYDNEY, June 13, (AP): Prime Minister Bob Hawke says his government is committed to signing a treaty with Aborigines that would reconcile 200 years of grievances spawned by white settlement.

Hawke said he wanted the treaty in place by mid-1990 and offered to provide funding for a draft agreement that the government could consider and ratify if acceptable.

Mine disaster

KUALA LUMPUR, June 13, (AP): Workers recovered the body of one miner and held out little hope for three others after a landslide hit a tin mine south of the capital today, company officials said.

The landslide buried a 0.8-hectare (two-acre) area in 15 metres (49 feet) of mud, the Bernama news agency reported from the new Lahad tin mine near Ipon, 200 kilometres (120 miles) from Kuala Lumpur.

One killed in Srinagar riot

SRINAGAR, India, May 13, (UPI): At least one person was killed and 100 injured as thousands of rioters, angered by an electricity rate hike, battled police for a fourth day today in the northern city of Srinagar, police said.

The rioting is spreading in outlying towns, and the new casualties raised the toll in the violence, which began on Friday, to four dead and more than 370 injured.

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Volume of patients causes pressure on hospital

THE director of Farwaniya Hospital, Dr Saad Zaghoul, has said that the hospital's casualty and emergency departments have extreme pressure due to the volume of patients admitted to these two sections. Over the last year, the number reached 300,000 which breaks down to 900 patients daily, the majority of whom required only simple medical treatment which could have been obtained at clinics.

He stressed the fact that the doctors were excellent and highly qualified, indeed more than 17 of them held a PhD in medicine, and that the ministry provided specialised technicians to train the medical staff in the use of the technological equipment in the hospital.

He admitted a shortage of nursing staff, which was due to retirements, resignations and a lack of motivation, but pointed out that there was no shortage of medical supplies and that, despite obvious difficulties, the waiting time for surgical operations did not exceed three weeks and stressed that personal influence played no part in the kind of services offered to patients.

Charges

Dr Zaghoul suggested that the imposition of charges for medical services would assist the government with the meeting of costs and reduce the number of those who abuse the health service, simply because it is free, which would ultimately lighten the excessive workload at hospitals and clinics.

He also praised the family practitioner service and hoped it would be implemented, soon.

Overlooked

Meanwhile, the chairman of Kuwait Medical Society, Dr Abdullah Al Rshaid, has said that primary medical care constitutes the backbone of the country's medical services and thus more attention should be given to the medical field, the doctors' needs and the

requirements of the various medical centres, which labour under difficult conditions.

He said that doctors were overworked and this would ultimately reflect negatively on the quality of services.

Assistance

He stressed the Society's need for financial assistance from the Ministry of Social Affairs and Labour, adding that the resources were required to fund the completion of its various tasks and projects. One such project is to hold televised medical symposia to discuss aspects of the relations between doctor and patient and other matters pertaining to the medical profession.

He urged the Ministry of Public Health to start higher medical studies for all disciplines, whereby patients would be able to receive specialised treatment at the doctor's work site without having to seek admission to a hospital.

Performance of doctors affected by extended working hours

THE director of the Amiri health area Dr Mohammad Al Ayyad speaking at a recent meeting sponsored by the Kuwait Medical Society said the ministerial decision to extend the working hours of doctors at health centres would not resolve the existing health problems. He said the extended hours would

adversely affect the performance of doctors and would not prove to be conducive to upgrading the services or resolve existing health problems.

Other speakers at the meeting stressed the need for doctors to be allocated adequate time to continually update their knowledge with recent advances

in medicine and in this respect extended working hours did not serve to optimise the level of performance of doctors or provide the best care to patients. Further, they said, prominence should be given to quality of service — rather than quantity as proposed by the ministerial decision.

However, the Undersecretary Dr Nael Al Naqib denied the extended hours decision as being unfair to doctors and added "this decision is within the framework of the national policy to protect public interests and the ministry would soon be issuing a decision to superannuate employees in the medical field who had reached the age of retirement."

Meanwhile, an official source at the ministry said that the ministry has instituted a number of measures aimed at preventing an outbreak of meningitis in Kuwait and requested all pilgrims travelling to Makkah to be vaccinated against the disease. Further, the ministry called on businessmen to help them by themselves vaccinated against meningitis as it was prevalent in those countries.

The disease is caused by a virus that affects the membranes of the brain leading to the inflammation which could prove fatal. The sources claimed that for every one case detected there were 100 cases where the virus was present but symptoms did not manifest themselves. Signs of the disease included high temperature accompanied with severe headache and vomiting.

New Muslims

FOUR persons, a man and three women embraced Islam in the presence of the Higher Islamic Court in Jeddah.

On the occasion, the president of the court pointed to the converts some main Islamic rules and duties and urged them to follow the Holy Quran and the prophet's Hadith.



● Kuwait's Minister of Interior, Sheikh Salem Al Sabah, received on Saturday at his office Dr Farouk Abdul Rahman (left), the chairman of the Arab Centre for Security Studies and his accompanying delegation.

Murad praises role of Kuwaiti security staff

THE chairman of the Arab Centre for Security Studies based in Riyadh Dr Farouk Murad in an interview with a local daily during his visit to Kuwait said the Kuwaiti leadership demonstrated a strong and united front against foreign threats and praised the role of the Kuwaiti security staff who continually foiled all threats against Kuwait's security.

Continuing, he said the centre offers academic studies on security aspects to all Arab countries and awarded a Masters degree to students successfully completing the two year course. He disclosed that US Maryland University, considered as one of the first in the USA specialised in criminal studies had agreed to accept graduates of the centre to its doctorate programmes. This proved the high academic status of the centre he added.

The centre in cooperation with the UN organised an inter-

national meeting for specialists to discuss the problem of delinquency of juveniles. The recommendations emanating from the meeting were discussed by an international conference held in Austria and were approved. These recommendations will be discussed by the UN criminal committee during its meeting scheduled for August this year he said.

Dr Murad disclosed that the primary aim of the centre is to explain the merits of applying the Islamic sharia in preventing crimes and delinquency. The centre is organising training courses for a number of Arab policemen and will be holding two such courses in Austria to fight terrorism and to reduce road accidents. The courses are to be organised in cooperation with the Austrian police. He added that Kuwait continually supports the centre financially and morally.

GCC security reorganization discussed

A COMMITTEE assigned to reorganise security apparatuses in the Gulf Cooperation Council countries and representatives of the Kuwaiti Interior Ministry yesterday exchanged views on the Arab Centre for Security Studies' Educational and Training programmes.

They discussed means of upgrading such programmes and benefitting from exchanged views to ensure the committee's success.

The committee members grouped director of the Riyadh-based Arab Centre Dr Farouk Abdul Rahman Murad, commander of the King Fahd Security College Dr Farouk Ghazawi, director of the planning and public security in Saudi Arabia Col. Abdullah Yousef Ramadan and director of the centre's research department Mohammed Al Saghir.

Dr Murad tabled goals of establishing the Arab Centre and the Kuwaiti Interior Ministry officials tabled their remarks in this context.

Death for killing bus driver and conductor

THE Criminal Court, headed by Judge Omar Abdul Jawad, has sentenced an Indian national to death on the charge of killing a bus driver and conductor. The court heard that Francis Arango and one of his friends were involved in a dispute on a bus travelling to Qadisiya. The trouble arose when the conductor, Hassan Sarajul Deen, an Egyptian, was unable to give them the change from one dinar. The defendant and his friend became angry and were taken to Qadisiya police station to settle the dispute. Seeing that the bus had gone when he came out of the police station, Arango angrily rushed home to get a knife and then waited at the bus station. When the bus returned to Kuwait, he got on and stabbed first the Turkish driver and then the conductor. Both died instantly.

ROYAL COURT

Crown Prince audiences

HH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, Sheikh Saad Al Abdullah Al Sabah yesterday received the Minister of Defence Sheikh Nawaf Al Ahmed, the Minister of Planning Dr Abdul Rahman Al Awadi, the board chairman and director general of the Public Authority for Agricultural Affairs and Fish Resources Sheikh Ibrahim Al Duaij, the Planning Undersecretary Dr Abdul Hadi Al Awadi, the director-general of the Public Authority for Civil Information Faisal Al Shaeji and chief of the Farmers Association Ghannam Al Jamhour. Sheikh Saad also received some Kuwaiti citizens in his public diwan.

KUWAIT PRESS DIGEST

Palestinian uprising hailed

UAE newspapers yesterday hailed the Palestinian uprising and deplored the bloody fighting in the Palestinian camps in Lebanon. The Abu Dhabi-based Al Itihad said Israeli officials finding themselves forced to recognise the six-month-old Palestine uprising are reiterating the words of PLO chairman Yasser Arafat that the revolt has entered a new phase.

"To read the enemy statements along the past six months one can know what a tremor the uprising had caused on the Zionist enemy... The uprising in these statements was a children's game and the bloody confrontation was a gush of violence and rage" the paper said.

Al Itihad went on to say that the enemy leaders realised after six months of fiery battles that the Palestinian uprising was not a game of children but an organised work with a definite programme and a secret commanding leadership.

The paper added that the enemy should expect more confrontation because the Palestinians should reap the fruits of their sacrifices especially after the Arab summit in Algiers last week.

"The Arab leaders granted the stone and Molotov heroes what they need of political and material support, so it is the role of the Palestinian youths to prove that this uprising will continue against the enemy and will not stop until it restores the Palestinian people's rights, notably their right of self-determination and the setting up of their independent state," the paper concluded.

Deploping the tragic camps war in Lebanon between Palestinian brothers, an English language daily said the fresh fighting between the mainstream Fatah and a breakaway group over the past week is not doing any credit to the PLO.

The paper said the Israelis led ruthless massacres at these camps and several Lebanese militias have taken their turn to lay siege and destroy these settlements, causing enormous suffering and bringing death to many men, women and children alike.

The Dubai-based daily said "in such a tragic context, these camps should really be a symbol of Palestinian unity and a place of safety where all Palestinians can move about freely."

The paper criticised this rift in the Palestinian ranks saying this conflict between Palestinian brothers has gone on for too long to serve any useful purpose. The paper also called on the Arab leaders, especially Hafez Al Assad of Syria to do their utmost to discourage this rivalry which is hurting the Palestinian and Arab cause.

"The Palestinians are living through their finest hour, thanks to the uprising in the West Bank and Gaza Strip... It is a sad distraction therefore to see rival PLO factions having nothing better to do than fight for control of the ruins of the Palestinian refugee camps in Beirut," the paper concluded.

Training courses in seafaring

HASAN RAJAB, the general supervisor of the marine heritage revival committee at the Marine Club, has said that the committee was formed in response to directives from HH the Amir which reflected his concern for the revival of the nation's time-honoured marine traditions and heritage.

Rajab said the club was offering special training courses for youths aimed at teaching them seafaring techniques and initiating them into practical

experience. The courses would also act as a way of preserving the legacy of Kuwait's forefathers, who spent most of their lives as seafarers, and of instilling into the minds of the younger generation the sense of oneness and common purpose which characterised the seafaring professions.

He pointed out that the committee was currently preparing for the 2nd Raqqa Marine contest to be held at Failaka next Friday.

Fashion corporation combats counterfeiting

LUCIANO BENETTON, founder of the Italy-based multi-million dollar fashion empire speaking at a press conference in Dubai said "We have to be aggressive in fighting counterfeiters who are ruining the Benetton image". Accordingly, the company is setting up manufacturing units in countries where counterfeiting takes place. He disclosed that they had just got a manufacturing licence in Thailand.

The family corporation which in 25 years grew from hawking hand-knitted sweaters on bicycles to selling high fashion clothes through 4,000 boutiques in 57 countries plans to start factories in several other countries.

However, he added, counterfeiting was not more pronounced in the Middle East where there are currently approximately 20 outlets including Kuwait's Zafra Complex.



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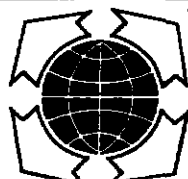
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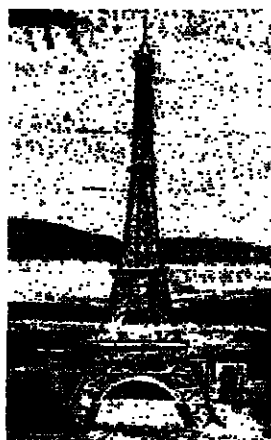


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Rifai denies differences among municipal committee members

KUWAIT'S Minister of State for Municipal Affairs Mohammed Abdul Mohsen Al Rifai in an interview with a local daily was quoted as denying the existence of any major differences among the municipality affairs committee members. He said there was only a disparity in point of views over technical issues.

The minister who was talking in his first press interview since he took office after the Kuwaiti ministerial reshuffle, said the municipal bill is still under study and there is a possibility of setting up four municipalities in the country's four governorates.

Transferred
He disclosed the health affairs and shops licenses responsibilities will be transferred to the Ministries of Public Health and

Commerce and Industry. This decision is within the framework of reorganising the tasks of cleaning the layout. Replying to a question, the minister said the expropriation issue as well as the roads design would remain with the municipality.

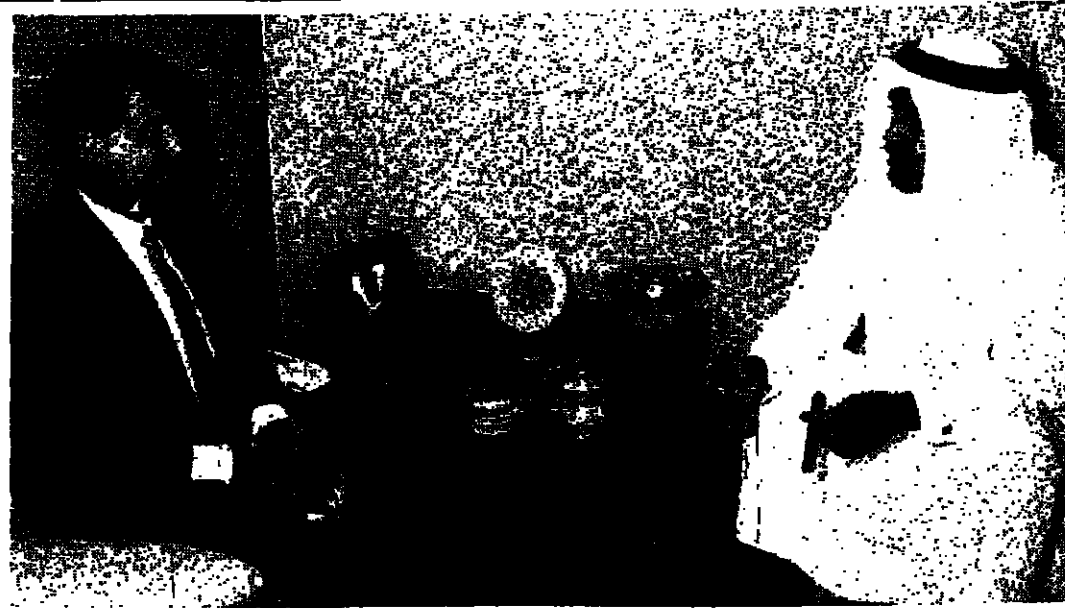
He added, a government committee is to be formed for re-studying of Shuwaikh industrial area. He disclosed that HH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister had recently presided over a meeting to view the removal of foodstuff shops from Shuwaikh area, including, the problems of garages, shops, restaurants and plants. He commented, the municipality had adopted a resolution extending the closing date of shops in model areas for another six months. He added, the municipality would review the posi-

tions of each area to ensure the cooperative societies performed their functions effectively and to see that neither the interests of merchants of citizens were harmed.

Conflict

Replying to a question, the minister denied he was a party to the conflict between the trade union of the municipality and its management, adding he had not made any decisions concerning the union's social fund. Instead, he had suggested the formation of a new board comprising representatives from all departments of the municipality, including, union's representatives.

In concluding, the minister praised the efforts exerted by the government in solving problems of the municipality and other ministries.



The Editor-in-Chief of Al Seyassah, Ahmed Al Jarallah, received at his office yesterday the Moroccan Ambassador to Kuwait Abdul Wahed Ben Masoud (left). They discussed the resolutions of the Arab extraordinary summit recently held in Algiers.

Old Arabic style houses in Umm Al Haiman to be demolished

RESIDENTS of Umm Al Haiman reacted with trepidation towards preparations being undertaken by the Public Authority for Housing to demolish a number of Arabic style government houses in the area with intentions of rebuilding.

Residents stated that as the area is in proximity to their jobs, they should be compensated.

A local daily conducted a survey at Umm Al Haiman and held interviews with a number of residents and government officials of the Public Authority for Housing to ascertain first-hand views of both parties.

Temporary
A resident, Saad Al Azmi employed at the Ministry of Public Health and deputy board chairman of Umm Al Haiman Cooperative Society stated that he lived in the area since 1974 and owned two houses in the area. He had previously applied to the

authority for accommodation. The authorities had offered him a house at Al Thabar, but, he preferred living at Umm Al Haiman.

He commented, houses previously built were designed as "temporary houses" for specific sector of residents. These, according to him, did not meet current needs. The houses were far too small for families having more than 8 children. Bad sewage causes problems — including leading to cracks and called on officials to remove old houses.

Modernise
Ahmad Awad, an employee at the Ministry of Interior said he added some more rooms to accommodate his growing family since their occupancy in 1974. The cost was over KD2000/- A number of houses did not have basements and lacked strength as they were temporary arrangements. The area

was full of uncovered sewage, and this was cleared at the expense of the residents he said.

Officials commented the area's present houses were arcaic and it was imperative that restorations be undertaken. The authority intends to modernise the area and plans to build newer and better functional residential housing. They added that the area consists of 4,400 government houses with a total of 40,000 residents, 35 per cent being Kuwaitis. They added that renewing the area would cover almost 500 hectares of land.

The director of the rented government houses office at the authority, Ibrahim Al Qonia stated that Umm Al Haiman was chosen as a temporary residential location 15 years ago. These houses, were intended for Kuwaiti residents, who in the meantime, had applied for permanent houses in other areas.

Gulf educational meet opens

RIYADH, June 13, (KUNA): The executive committee of the educational bureau of the Arab Gulf states began its 24th session here today.

In an inaugural address, Rashid Abdullah, the UAE Education Undersecretary, highlighted the bureau's pioneering role in enhancing cooperation among GCC member-states.

For his part, Dr Ali Al Tuweijiri, the bureau's director-

general welcomed the participants and presented documents on the meeting's agenda including a report of the bureau on its activities.

The report deals with the bureau's accomplishments during the fiscal year 1986/87 and progress of work on projects and programmes of the current fiscal year.

During its four-day meeting, the committee is slated to review several educational and cultural issues including a report prepared by a specialised committee on the implementation of previous resolutions adopted by the bureau towards development and unification of syllabuses.

128 accepted for MA

THE Higher Studies College in Kuwait University yesterday announced that 128 students have been accepted out of 360 applicants to join the Master of Arts programme for academic year 1988-89.

Assistant dean for students affairs in the college Dr Nuriya Al Awadhi told KUNA that 51 of the accepted students are Kuwaitis and 77 are not.

The college has started studying files of all 128 students. Dr Nuriya said and added that co-operation was made with concerned parties to conduct personal interviews with them.

Al Rashed meetings

STATE Minister for Cabinet Affairs Rashed Al Rashed received yesterday board chairman and director-general of the Public Authority for Agricultural Affairs and Fish Resources Sheikh Ibrahim Duaji Al Sabah and members of the Council of Ministers.

Abdul Razzak disclosed that most of the authority's staff were Kuwaiti nationals, including some Arab nationals. The authority would build a fire fighting school at Sulaibiya area to graduate qualified and trained firemen. The first stage of the school is expected to be completed within the next two years he said. He added, the long hot summer in Kuwait is a main factor for fires and during this period, staff are restricted on proceeding on leave — including enlightening the public about necessary precautions to avoid fires. He revealed that the authority had no intention of incorporating Kuwaiti girls into the main stream of fire-fighting services, but would be absorbed in administrative or engineering cadres.



● The Bangladesh Diploma Engineers Society in Kuwait (BADESUK) held a reunion dinner party and cultural show for members and their families at Meridian Hotel on June 10. The Bangladesh Ambassador to Kuwait, K.M. Shehabuddin, attended the function as guest of honour. The picture shows local performers entertaining the audience.

Customs complexes under study

A LOCAL daily reported yesterday that a project to build customs complexes at the border centres and ports to activate the transit trade and strengthen the country's security is presently under study.

The study is designed to build branches of various ministries of services at the land border centres and ports to facilitate clearance formalities and supervise foreign vehicles passing through Kuwaiti borders. The study also aims at building warehouses for government and private companies at these border centres. Accordingly, it is planned that foreign vehicles will be prohibited from entering the country and obliged to unload their goods at these warehouses.

The plan when implemented

would prevent smuggling of prohibited materials such as weapons and narcotics and other contraband into the country. The total cost of building these complexes is estimated to be KD15 million.

The Ministry of Communications, on the other hand, has contracted with a German company to purchase five vehicle scales to be used at border centres and ports to weigh the vehicles loaded with goods before unloading their goods into the warehouses of the importing company. The scales are the latest in technology costing KD2 million and contain devices and alarm systems to expose prohibited materials such as narcotics and weapons or explosives.

Limit on marriage presents drops sale of sheep

AT the onset of 1988, most tribes in Kuwait lowered marriage expenses to encourage youths to marry earlier and some tribes fixed marriage presents at KD20 each instead of a sheep.

A local newspaper undertook a field survey at the sheep market to determine the effect of this decision on the sale of sheep.

Saeed Muhsin Al Anzi, an auctioneer said the decision had dramatically dropped the sales of sheep. Previously, 200 to 300 sheep were sold. With the new decision, they barely average 15 sheep at week ends. This drop in sales has also adversely affected the import of sheep from Turkey, he said.

Satar Saud Al Badri, another experienced auctioneer, disclosed that with the introduction of the new marriage decision profits dropped by half. However, he believed, prices of sheep would rise with the coming Eid Al Adha. One of the other reasons for drop in sales, he said, was that haj caravan owners do not buy their sheep from the local market, but depend on Turkish or Chinese frozen sheep.

Hassan Mohamed Khader, commenting on locations said, there was disparity in allocations with some auctioneers having several locations at the market while some had only a single location.

Firemen's salaries

THE director-general of General Fire Authority Brigadier Ahmad Al Abdul Razzak said firemen of the authority have now gained many of their demands and their pay scales are on a par with policemen's. The government is presently studying some demands submitted on behalf of the firemen, he added. He was hopeful of an early settlement as firemen performed real hard and dangerous work.

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Environment meeting

A MEETING of specialists entrusted with the study of the general system of the environment at GCC member states will be held at the general secretariat headquarters tomorrow.

The meeting will review a project presented by Saudi Arabia reflecting the general system of the environment; including points on environmental principles, emergency measures and protection plans envisaged against pollution.

Osaimi meets US envoy

THE Minister of State for Foreign Affairs, Saoud Mohamad Al Osaimi yesterday received the United States Ambassador to Kuwait, Wilson Nathaniel Howel.

The talks between them covered matters of bilateral importance particularly the latest developments in the Arabian Gulf and the Iran-Iraq war.

Kuwait's stand hailed

CHAIRMAN of the executive council of autonomous Iraqi Kurdistan area Sirwan Al Jaf hailed Kuwait's stand toward Iraq in defence of its national soil.

In statement to a Kuwaiti newspaper published yesterday Jaf said the Iraqis have failed to infiltrate both the southern and northern Iraqi areas by virtue of the powerful Iraqi Army and national defence groups.

"Be sure that Arab and Sulaimaniya governorates are steadfast in the face of the aggressor," he said.

Over the penetration of Iranian revolutionary guards into Kurdistan area through Turkey,

Cairo visit fruitful: Adsani

SECRETARY-GENERAL of the Arab Cities Organisation (ACO) Abdel Aziz Al Adsani yesterday expressed satisfaction over the outcome of the visit he made last week to Cairo, at the invitation of its governor Major General Sabri Abu Taleb.

Al Adsani praised the fruitful results of the talks he held with Egyptian officials, noting that they will yield more cooperation between Egyptian cities and the organisation.

ACO's secretary-general and its director-general Taleb Al Taher returned Saturday night, following a visit to the Egyptian capital June 7 to 10.

Al Adsani said that the ACO delegation was pleased with the many meetings it held there, pointing out the positive and leading role played by Egyptian cities since the establishment of the organisation in 1967.

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THE Ministry of Interior's Public Relations Department is keen to "get a feedback" on their 10-minute information show, You and the Law, shown by KTV2 on Tuesdays after the news.

You and the Law has been on air for about seven months. "We want to reach out to you — the foreigners, and inform you about the laws of our country," says public relations director Ahmad Al Rujab.

Al Rujab said they started the show after realising that many foreigners did not "know the intricacies" of the laws in Kuwait. Their aim was, and will be, to tell people how not to break the law.

Conduct

"It is alright for foreigners to consume alcohol in their country; we don't allow it. We wanted to emphasise such differences so that people do not get into trouble in their host country," said Al Rujab.

Items that would be examined, at a later stage, are

How not to break the law



Adel Mohammad Al Hadeeb: reaching out

on codes of conduct in a Muslim state such as how to dress, prohibition on dancing

in public places; ban on brewing liquor and similar rules. Forthcoming shows will also focus on the drugs — cocaine, hashish and others — ban and how violators will be punished; creating awareness of traffic laws; immigration rules, and any rules, pertaining to them, that are introduced by the government.

Sometimes people are asked, on camera, to give suggestions on providing recreation for the young or how to care for children at home and in public places. The show has often been criticised by viewers for being didactic, insulting intelligence and focussing on such trivia as child care in public places — that are best done by using a little common sense.

The programme's director Adel Mohammad Al Hadeeb, however, promises this would change. "This is an information show, and we will inform foreigners about the laws of our country. We want to devote our shows to answering your (peo-



Mr. Ali Al Badry pictured during filming.

ple's) queries," said Al Hadeeb. Queries pour in by the hundreds, and, not surprisingly most are about immigration laws. The programmers are seeking suggestions on varied subjects.

"We want to diversify our show and talk about other laws as well," said Al Hadeeb.

Queries

Plans are afoot to answer queries in native languages, if possible, or interpret them in Tagalog, Urdu, Bangla and other languages.

"There are 126 nationalities in Kuwait, we would like to reach all of them," said Al Hadeeb.

Al Hadeeb, who is an experienced director having

worked in the medium for over six years, first with Kuwait television and then at the ministry, takes his job seriously. Together with Ali Badri, the assistant director, and Ali Noor, its presenter, Al Hadeeb hopes to improve the show.

"We want it to become the sort of show that people would look forward to," he insists, urging viewers to send in suggestions on how to improve the show, asking questions or clarifying rules.

Queries for the show can be sent through the Arab Times or directly to You and the Law, Public Relations Department, Ministry of Interior, P.O. Box 12500, Shamiya 71655, Shamiya, Kuwait.

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Presenter Ali Noor with the director and cameraman

Video views

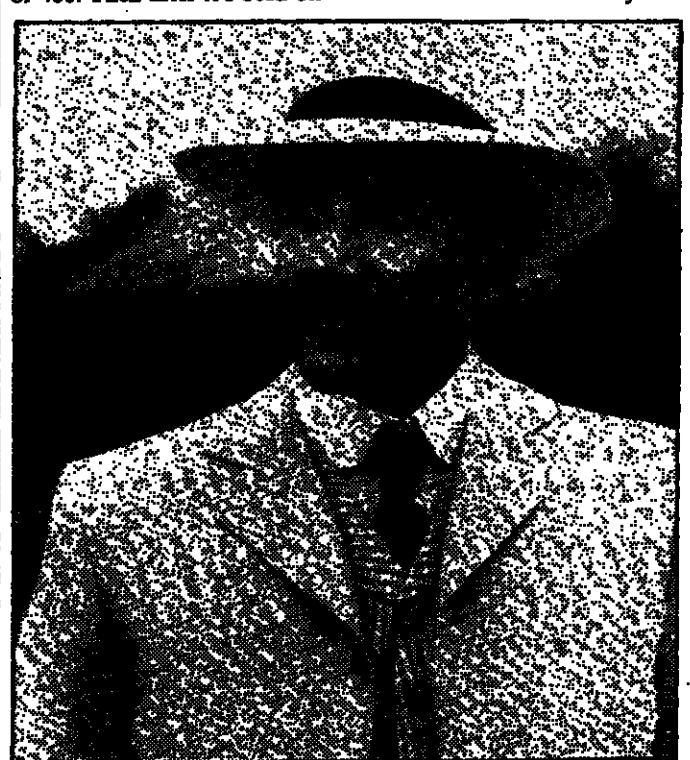
By Keith Wells

BRIAN HOLLIS came to Kuwait in 1981 and opened his first video rental shop in August that year. He now runs four shops in Salmiya, Safeways, the Salhiya Complex and Fintas, so I went along to see him to discover something about what goes on behind the scenes.

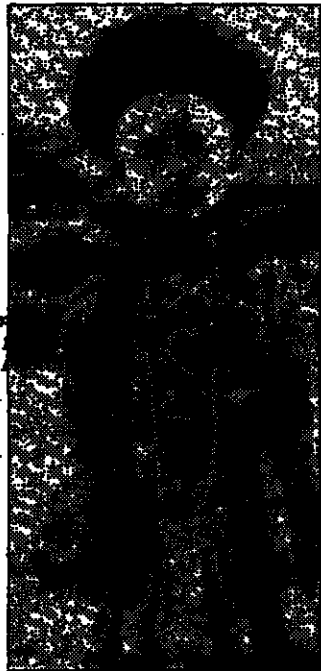
Brian began by showing me the recording studio where they can make up to one hundred copies at a time. Ranks of smart black video recorders sitting on rows of shelves blinked away quietly as they digested the latest film.

"For a really popular film, like 'The Last Emperor', we will make around 600 copies," Brian told me. "But the average run for a good film is nearer 300 or 400. Then after it's been on

release for a couple of weeks we start removing about fifty copies a week as the interest in that particular title dies down. Of course, we'll always leave some copies of a good film in stock long after the initial release. We usually release two or three new films every single day. The video business is a very competitive one, and we have to keep up with the latest releases. We are not just selling video, we are also renting it. We have a large selection of films, and we are constantly adding to it. We are also involved in the distribution of films. We have a large network of distributors, and we are constantly expanding it. We are also involved in the production of films. We have a large number of producers, and we are constantly adding to it. We are also involved in the marketing of films. We have a large number of marketers, and we are constantly adding to it. We are also involved in the exhibition of films. We have a large number of exhibitors, and we are constantly adding to it. We are also involved in the distribution of films. We have a large network of distributors, and we are constantly expanding it. We are also involved in the production of films. We have a large number of producers, and we are constantly adding to it. We are also involved in the marketing of films. We have a large number of marketers, and we are constantly adding to it. We are also involved in the exhibition of films. We have a large number of exhibitors, and we are constantly adding to it.



Peter Sellers' film, The Party, was shown on Kuwaiti Television but banned on video.



Richard Vuu (left) stars as Pu Yi and Ralph Alexander plays the adult role of The Last Emperor. About 600 copies of the film were made in Kuwait.

are actually studio copies from the film-makers themselves. Ironically, Brian is one of the few people who do not mind how bad KTV 2 programmes get. "It's good for business," he laughed. "Whenever there is a really good film, or something special like this week's European Championship, we really notice, our business goes way down that night."

Then I asked Brian about censorship. "Every film has to go through the Ministry of Information to get permission to be recorded. We send them three copies, they keep one, then make any cuts that are required on the other two, they keep one of those, then send the other back to us as our master copy."

Blacklist

"What sort of things are cut?" I asked. "Is it only sex?" "Not at all, they also cut out any really violent scenes, any references to homosexuality, anything Jewish of course. Then they cut out images of religious figures. Horror movies are often offensive, as

well, because they are bad for young children, so films like 'Living Dead' or ones with zombies and so, are banned here."

"The other aspect of the business which is often misunderstood by outsiders is the blacklist of films from the Israeli Boycott Office. 'Roughly 55 per cent of all new videos released are on the blacklist since some of the major film companies are involved with Israel in some way or the other. They include Columbia, RCA, CBS, NBC and Canon. It can be difficult for us to keep track of all the new developments, since companies get taken over or sold and then go into the blacklist."

The irony of the situation is that none of these companies want to be removed from the blacklist because it protects them from piracy here in the Middle East. There are also strange anomalies such as the fact that 'The Party' with Peter Sellers is banned in all of the videoshops, yet was shown on KTV last year.

Brian also buys copyrights for the Gulf area of around half of the eighty or so films made in Egypt every year, then sells them to television stations in Kuwait, Qatar, Oman, Dubai and Bahrain. This business accounts for nearly half of the company's trade. Advertising on videos is also big business, especially on Arabic videos.

"We tape about ten new English films to every Arab one," Brian explained, "but when it comes to actual rentals, the percentage is about fifty-fifty. We also sell around 150 cassettes a day between all of our shops. For the sales tapes we use new cassettes, and slightly better quality ones than those we use for the rentals."

It's quite difficult to remember what life was like before the video boom and Kuwait must have one of the busiest rental markets in the world since nearly everyone seems to own a video machine here. Without them, we'd all be at KTV's mercy, though I'm sure there'd be a tremendous boom in zoology degrees as a result.

WHAT'S ON

SOCIAL

Onam Festival

The Viswabarathi Theatres, Abbasia, will celebrate Onam on Aug. 25 at the Indian Arts Circle. The programme comprises Onam songs, Mohiniyattam, classical dances, Thiruvathirakkali, folk dances, light music, one-act play, boat race and Kerala rural arts. Those interested in taking part contact Lazar Varghese — 4314511; Thomas Perumilly — 4810490 ext. 207; Varghese Paradayil — 2422973.

United Goans Centre
The UGC will hold their annual Summer Belle 88 contest on August 11. The committee will host a gala event to mark the 10th anniversary of UGC.

D'Assisi Association

The association will hold a social evening-cum-entertainment on August 11 at Messilah Beach Hotel. The event is part of the 40th anniversary of Indian independence. Top Ranks and Next of Kin will be in attendance. For details contact Leena — 2469811, 9.30 am to 5 pm; Henry 3291909 (am), 3717346 (pm) or Augustin 5746754 after 6 pm.

Sauz aur Awaz
An Indian music group presents "Geeton Bhari Sham", their second concert, at the IAC, Funaitees, on Thursday, June 16, 8 pm. For reservations phone 3985456 or 5638026 after 5 pm.

Eid Reunion

An Eid Reunion party for Bangladeshi engineers and architects will be held at Messilah Beach Hotel, Al Amsal Hall, at 7 pm on June 23. For details phone 4718157; 4311351; 3713923 after 3 pm.

ARTS

Tareq Rajab Museum

The museum in Jabriya houses a collection of Islamic arts, costumes and jewellery from the Muslim world. Summer timings are 9 am to 12 noon and 4 to 7 pm, Sat. thru Thurs. On Friday the museum is open in the mornings.

Islamic Arts Museum

The museum, located on Arab Gulf Street, is open from 8.30 am to 12.30 noon and 4.30 to 7.30 pm, Saturday to Thursday. A collection of the finest Islamic art objects are on show.

CINEMA

British Council

Chitty Chitty Bang Bang, a film for children, will be shown at 6 pm on June 15 and at 10.30 am on June 16. Chitty Chitty Bang Bang is an old neglected car. Who could have guessed it

has magical qualities? Approx. Duration: 145 minutes.

HOTELS

At the Continental

The Gardenia, open from 7 am to midnight, offers dinner buffet on Thursdays; the buffet features grilled specialties. The Friday lunch features Indian, Arab and Continental cuisine.

The Darbar offers an Indian buffet lunch daily except Fridays and a la carte for dinner.

At the Meridian

Versailles is open daily for lunch and dinner featuring Continental cuisine. Business lunch with three choices daily also offered. Live entertainment in the evening.

Al Fingan Tea Lounge in the lobby features coffee, tea and fruit juice; musical entertainment in the evening, plus traditional pipe smoking.

At the Sheraton

Dine in the Hunt Room with live music by the Trio Paradise. For lunch Hunt room offers a la carte.

Treasures of the Deep specialties are offered in Al Hamba on Wednesday night with music by the World Machine Band.

SPORTS

PBAK Bowling Tournament

The Philippines Bowlers Association in Kuwait (PBAK) will hold their bowling tournament for men's and women's doubles on June 17, 24 and July 1 and 8, at the Holiday Inn Hotel. The tournament will be held from 6 pm to 10 pm. The elimination rounds will be held on June 17 and 24. The semi-finals are on July 1, and the finals are on July 8. For registration contact PBAK Director Sarah Macarimbang — Tel: 4843447.

TELEVISION PROGRAMMES

KTV 1

- 9.00 Holy Quran
- 9.15 Rahlat Haul Al Alam: cartoons
- 10.15 Shaqqah Bidoun Saqqaf: Arabic serial. Starring Tahiya Karioka. Dalal Abdul Aziz.
- 11.00 News/Good Morning
- 11.15 Illa Abi and Ammi Ma'a Tahiya: Arabic serial, featuring Khalid Al Nafisi. Hayat Al Fahad.
- 12.15 Silver Spoons
- 1.00 News Summary
- 1.05 World News via Satellite
- 1.50 Songs
- 2.30 Bahloul: starring Fadiya Khitab, Assam Sulaiman.
- 3.35 Bill and Sebastian: cartoon serial
- 4.00 World News via Satellite
- 4.20 Ma'a Eikhal Al Tanfeez: Arabic play, with Khalid Zaki, Laila Hamada, Amina Rizk, Khuloud.



Ricky Schroeder and Joel Higgins star in Silver Spoons, today at 12.15 pm on KTV 1.

- 6.00 Cartoons
- 7.00 Summer 1988
- 7.15 World About Us
- 8.15 Hadith Al Usbooh: weekly religious talk
- 8.30 Souk Al Ghaz: daily Arabic serial, with Noora, Salah Saadani, Khalid Zaki.
- 9.00 News in Arabic
- 9.50 Riffat Al Hijjan: Arabic serial, featuring Mahmoud Abdul Aziz, Yusra.
- 10.50 Film Min Kitab: presented by Durrina Sharfuddin, Suhail Ilyas.
- 12.35 News Summary/World News via Satellite/Holy Quran/Closedown

KTV 2

- 6.00 Holy Quran
- 6.15 Football: European Championship finals. West Germany vs Denmark. Referee: Bob Valentine, Scotland.
- 8.00 News in English
- 8.30 Gimme A Break: comedy with Nelli Carter.
- 9.15 Football: European Championship. Italy vs Spain. Referee: Erik Fredriksson, Sweden.
- 11.00 Made for TV Movie
- 12.30 News Summary
- 12.40 Magazine D'Actualite/Closedown.

Please note that programmes and timings are liable to change without notice.

RADIO PROGRAMMES

English

- Tuesday
- 0800 Opening
- 0802 Songs and Music
- 0805 Thoughts in Islam
- 0830 News
- 0840 Songs and Music
- 0845 Daily Programme
- 0900 Songs and Music
- 0930 They Sold a Million
- 1000 Our Press Today
- 1005 Songs and Music
- 1100 Closedown
- 1330 News on FM Service
- Evening
- 2100 Opening
- 2102 In the Latin Mood
- 2130 News
- 2145 Point of View
- 2155 Songs and Music
- 2200 On Islam
- 2215 In the Groove
- 2245 Daily Programme
- 2300 Hit Special
- 2330 Jazz in Action
- 2400 Closedown.

FM Services

- 0800 Easy Listening
- 0830 News
- 0840 Easy Listening
- 1000 Songs and Music
- 1300 Easy Listening
- 1330 News
- 1400 Classical Music
- 1600 Easy Listening
- 1700 Italian Hour
- 1800 Pope
- 2130 News
- 2145 Pope
- 2200 Indian Classical Hour
- 2300 Easy Listening
- 2400 Instrumental Music
- 0300 Closedown

BBC World Services

- 0600 World News
- 09 News about Britain
- 15 Radio Newsworld
- 30 Music of the Royal Court (ex 28th 200 Years of Music in Australia)
- 0100 News Summary followed by Outlook
- 30 Short Story
- 45 Talk (inc 7th This Particular Place)
- 0200 World News
- 09 British Press Review
- 15 7th and 14th Network UK: 21st and 28th Sportsworld
- 30 Pomp and Ceremony (ex 7th Sports International; 28th To Be a Pilgrim)
- 0300 World News
- 09 News about Britain
- 15 The World Today
- 30 John Peel
- 0400 Newsworld
- 30 A Schubert Anthology
- 45 Reflections
- 50 Financial News
- 0500 World News
- 09 Twenty-Four Hours: News Summary
- 30 New Ideas
- 40 Book Choice
- 45 The World Today
- 0600 Newsworld
- 30 Countdown
- 0700 World News
- 09 Twenty-Four Hours: News Summary
- 30 Talk (inc 7th. This Particular Place)
- 45 7th and 14th Network UK: 21st and 28th Sportsworld
- 0800 World News
- 09 Reflections
- 15 7th and 14th Tech Talk; 21st

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Urdu

- 1900 Opening
- 1910 Behnood Qaul
- 1916 Programme Preview
- 1920 Songs
- 1935 Press Report
- 1940 Radio Club
- 2000 News
- 2020 Songs
- 2040 Jahan Numan
- 2100 Closedown

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Al Jodhar Pharmacy
Tunis St.

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Al Samah Pharmacy
Salem Al Mubarak St.

Fahaeel and Ahmadi
Al Bastoor Pharmacy
Qais Al Ghanem Bldg.
Bastoor St, F'heel.

Jleeh Al Shiyoek
Al Hassawia Pharmacy
Block 2, Main St.

Jahra
Al Khalid Pharmacy
Opp. Co-operative Society

CINEMA TODAY

Al Andalus
The Last Shark
Starring: James Francisco, Vicki Moro

Al Salmiya
Closed

Al Hamra
Scandalous
Starring: Robert Hess, Pamela Stephens

Drive-In
Laila Al Kabz Ala Bakaiza Wa Zaghoul (Arabic)
Starring: Suhail Babil, Issad Yunus

Al Firdous
Dariya Dil (Hindi)
Starring: Govinda, Kimi Katkar

Fahaeel Open-Air
Gopi (Hindi)
Al Fahaeel
Hanna K.

Al Jahra
Bedeem (Bengali)

Granada
Kalamari Kathamari (Malayalam)

Salaibikhat
Kill and Kill Again

Al Jleeb
Bernham (Bengali)

Almadi Drive-In
Rajul Didh Al Kanoon (Arabic)

PRAYERS

- Fajr 3.13 am
- Zuhr 11.48
- Asr 3.22 pm
- Maghreb 6.49
- Isha 8.21

EDITORIALS

ARAB TIMES

Thought for today

INITIATIVE is doing the right thing without being told — Victor Hugo, French writer (1802-1885).

OPINION

Iranians should be sympathised with

THE Iranians should be sympathised with. For nearly eight years, their leaders have been sending them to their deaths. These innocents, following illogical plans and the dictates of their leaders, have sacrificed their lives — sacrifices in exercises of futility.

Unfortunately, for this section of the populace, for every setback suffered by their leaders, thousands more are committed to the battlefield. When for example, Khomeini is frustrated in his designs by Saddam Hussein and the Iraqi leadership, he commits over 100,000 to the cause of his war. Many are killed and those that return are disillusioned. Another typical example is that of Rafsanjani, who, when faced with the pragmatic policies of the Iraqi Defence Minister, Adnan Khairallah, believes committing 50,000 Iranians — mostly students and young men totally untrained in the art of battle — to the battlefield could turn the tide against Iraq. Unfortunately, disaster is the result.

The next course of action is to fire missiles into populated areas of Iraq and Kuwait, or indulge in "cracker type of sabotage acts" within the State of Kuwait.

In its desperation to boost the flagging morale of its people, the Iranian leadership has now taken up to bravado by claiming to take on the US and, at other times, the Russians.

In Rafsanjani's coterie of madmen, the requisites for being a military commander, or senior military strategist are a long beard, a long black cloak, yards of turban and thunderous speeches at Tehran's mosques, attended by chanting people who are pushed and provided by the Iranian security agencies.

In his belief as a commander, the last of Rafsanjani's dreams was an attempt to recapture parts of Iraqi territory — from which the Iranians were recently expelled. His dreams of permanently occupying Iraqi territory have once and for all been totally vanquished.

This state of affairs, at the helm of the present Iranian leadership, have conclusively proved to the populace that the dictates they receive emanate from minds bordering on madness. Authoritative sources, who have managed to flee Iran, unanimously agree that the people of Iran have finally lost all patience with the present leadership, and the writing on the wall is for all to see.

The Iranian people have already paid a very high price for their leaders' madness. But the day is fast approaching when these leaders will pay for the deaths of hundreds of thousands of innocents.

By Ahmed Al Jarallah

Money begins to talk in China

By Mark O'Neill

NANJING, China. (Reuters): For the first time since the communists came to power in China in 1949 money — and not just power — is talking.

It is early evening and at the lobby of the best hotel in Nanjing, in eastern China, many visitors are waiting impatiently for a taxi.

Gathered at the entrance are an assortment of trishaw cypers, money changers, pedlars, beggars and taxi cabs.

"They won't allow us in the hotel," explained one driver. "We are too low class, we are only a private taxi. I will take you for 15 yuan (\$4) — double the proper fare."

The driver may have low social status but he has money, earning 20,000 yuan (\$5,400) last year, 20 times that of the average city resident and about five times more than the hotel porter not letting him enter.

Economic reforms since 1979 have permitted private business for the first time in 30 years. According to official figures there are now 22 million private firms, forming an embryonic middle class.

Recognised

China's parliament, the National People's Congress, has legally recognised private business by amending the constitution.

In the past, access to the good things in life — a big flat, hot running water, a car, servants, a television, scarce goods, books and films unavailable in ordinary shops — were reserved for those with power and position.

Senior Communist Party officials still enjoy these privileges but, for the first time, money can buy some of them as well.

This was illustrated in May when one of the first Chinese "SPZ" shops opened in Nanjing, offering goods not available in other stores at up to double the regular prices.

A queue formed the night before it opened and by the third day it had sold out of refrigerators and top-brand bicycles.

Some people even paid 185 yuan (\$50) for a bottle of Mao Tai, a popular fiery spirit always in short supply.

The taxi driver outside the hotel said he made his money mostly from buying clothes and cigarettes from places near the British colony of Hong Kong and selling them at a good profit in Nanjing.

"The best money comes from selling high-class domestic and foreign cigarettes," he said.

Policy

"But I don't keep the money in the bank, because then the state knows exactly how much you have. Who knows when the policy will change and you'll be denounced? I keep it at home in places no-one will find it."

A Peking government official said contempt for business people, a tradition in imperial days continued under the communists, was slowly changing, especially among the young.

"Previously, private businessmen were released prisoners or young people who could get no other job. Now, people are leaving secure jobs to go into business," he said.

There were two responses among party and government officials to the rise of this business class, he said.

"One is to join the race for money by using your position to earn money. The other, common to many old revolutionaries, is to stand aside and not use your connections to make money — at the cost of seeing your living standard fall," he said.

Income

"For these people, the new situation is hard to accept. After years of service to the party, their income is a fifth of that of a 22-year-old street trader."

Many private businessmen are affected by this ambivalent attitude to high incomes.

Just as the taxi driver is afraid of keeping his money in a bank, so factory managers who are entitled to big bonuses do not take them for fear of resentment from their workers and society.

Private businessmen face many obstacles, the official China Daily said.

By Graham Earnshaw

TOKYO. (Reuters): Japan is increasingly using its money and its voice in world affairs to support Western objectives, officials and analysts say.

Japanese officials are travelling abroad more frequently, overseas aid is increasing by leaps and bounds and there is a growing perception, in government circles at least, that the rest of the world is more than just a huge market place.

Differ

Prime Minister Noboru Takekoshi has just finished a long trip to the United States and Western Europe, and on June 19 he will make his summit debut in Toronto. He is expected to make major statements there on Third World debt and foreign aid.

But a more active foreign policy does not necessarily mean a more independent one.

"They are becoming more active, finding new ways to spend

their money all within the context of their relationship with Washington," said one Western diplomat.

A senior Foreign Ministry official, when asked to list foreign policy issues on which Japan and the United States differ significantly, was unable to name even one.

"For Japan, the Western alliance and going together with the Western alliance is the most important," said Tokyo University assistant Professor Takashi Inoguchi.

Japan's lack of natural resources makes it imperative that it maintain good relations with all countries. But when Japan has to choose between the Western alliance or other groups, it increasingly chooses the Western alliance, Inoguchi said.

Since 1973 when oil prices soared, Japan has followed a slightly different policy on the Middle East from that of Washington, one more conciliatory towards the Arab states

Tokyo's overseas aid is increasing

as a way of ensuring its supplies of oil from the Gulf.

That is changing. Later this month, Foreign Minister Sosuke Uno will make the first visit by a Japanese cabinet minister to Israel.

Japan's traditional lack of interest in the apartheid issue in South Africa, too, has shifted in recent months, bringing it more in line with the policies of the other Western countries.

Changed

And in the South Pacific, Inoguchi said Japan had recently changed its position on the French territory of New Caledonia, probably due to pressure from Paris and Washington.

He said Japan used to vote in the United Nations for New Caledonian independence, but at the most recent UN session it abstained.

"France, probably in co-operation with the United States, has probably exercised some

influence over the Japanese government, saying that the unity of the Western alliance is much more important than the independence issue of a small country in the South Pacific," Inoguchi said.

Japan's interests worldwide seem likely to remain almost identical with those of the United States and Western European countries for the foreseeable future.

Bankroll

And its wealth gives it the opportunity to, in effect, bankroll the Western alliance in which it plays an increasingly important role.

It is shouldering an ever larger share of US defence costs in East Asia by building up its own defence strength and boosting its financial support for US forces based here.

It is doing out increasing sums of money in aid to poorer countries, largely after advice

with other Western countries.

It is increasing its support for international bodies such as the United Nations, the World Bank and the Asian Development Bank, pouring in more funds and seeking a greater say in their affairs in return.

The government is not happy with this image of Japan as the Western world's banker — it wants to be seen as playing an identical role to that of other major Western nations.

Inoguchi said he saw Japan's role as banker for the Western alliance becoming a prominent feature in the years ahead.

Prevent

"Domestic considerations prevent the government from articulating their policies in that manner for the moment, but they are increasingly following that kind of role," he said.

Koichi Haraguchi, the Foreign Ministry's deputy director-general for public information, said there was a rising

recognition that Japan had to make more positive contributions to the world.

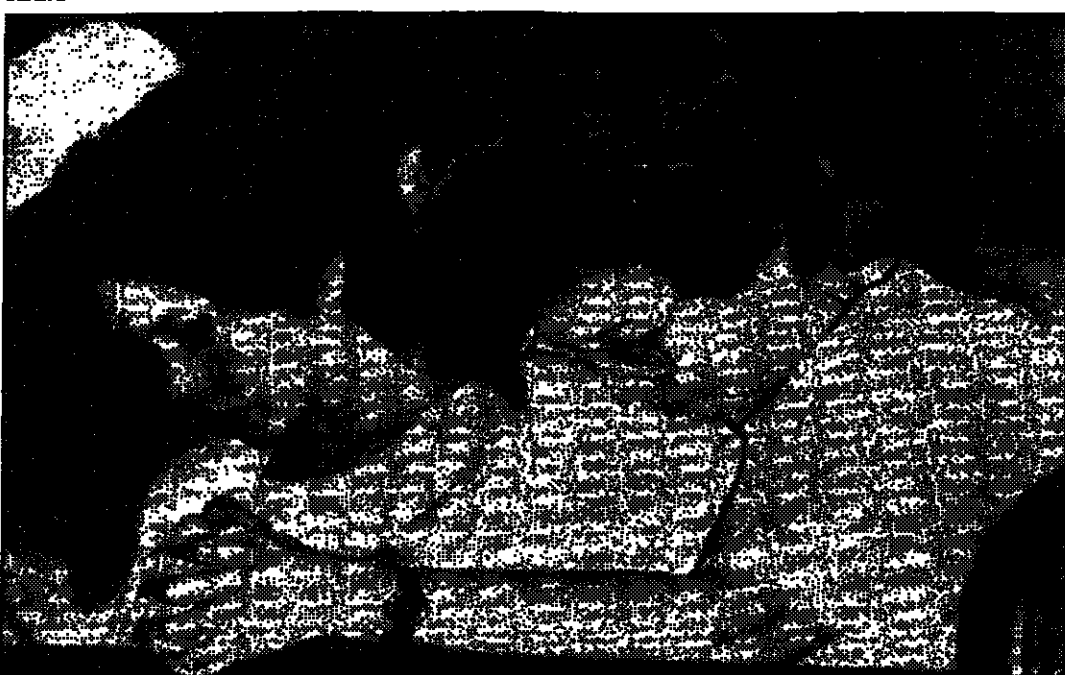
"Many people have come to think that simply giving money is not enough," he said.

"We can't offer our blood because we forbid ourselves from engaging in military operations, but we should also in addition to our money offer our toil and sweat for peacekeeping activities," he said.

Japan's aid programme is not as altruistic as it sometimes appears on the surface.

"We want to make a contribution to the peace of the world, but by so doing, that doesn't exclude that it also be of benefit for us," Haraguchi said.

"We are not advocating a saint-like existence for Japan. Sending economic assistance will contribute to political and economic stability and that in turn will make a favourable environment for peaceful commerce relations," he added.



President Corason Aquino, whose politics of prayer have become a trademark, visits the Pope in Rome on June 18 with the nation's dominant Roman Catholic church more stable than for years. (Reuters wirephoto)

By Phillip Melchior

MANILA. (Reuters): When Philippine President Corason Aquino kneels before the Pope in Rome on Saturday it will be more than just a gesture of devotion.

Aquino, who says she seeks guidance from God to overcome crises, will also be paying homage to a church she acknowledges helped put her in power and a faith many say has kept her there.

"I just have so much faith in God that if it isn't my time yet then he will take care of me and I have to just give it my best," she said last year of her approach to her mutiny-ridden presidency.

Aquino's politics of prayer are not seen as unusual by her countrymen.

In the poverty-ridden Philippines, a world away from the Vatican's splendour, the Roman Catholic church remains deeply entwined with the lives of most of the 58 million people in Asia's only predominantly Christian country.

Protest

Until a few years ago, the Philippines' 400-year-old church, was seen as the conservative bed-fellow of the ruling elite, an obstacle to genuine reform.

In the idealism of the 1970s, dozens of disenchanted young priests reacted. They led protest marches and some swapped pulpits for pistols, joining communist guerrillas preaching the gospel of armed revolution.

Torn from within and fearful of being left behind by a country

Devout Aquino goes on pilgrimage to Rome

crying for drastic change, the church doled out reform robes in the darkest years of Ferdinand Marcos' strongman rule, denouncing official corruption and human rights abuses by soldiers.

In January 1986, defying advice from Rome, it condemned the fraud-marred presidential election and virtually ousted Marcos, an illegally elected president who did not deserve the people's allegiance.

Within weeks the now openly political church was urging Filipinos on to the streets in Manila and detonating the "People Power" revolt that drove Marcos into exile and put Aquino in the presidential palace.

Two-and-a-half stormy years later, the Philippine church, like the nation itself, is showing increasing signs of stability and moving closer to accommodating liberal social-action programmes short of the "liberation theology" linked to the 19-year-old communist insurgency.

"More than ever I see that the church is united," said Bishop Francisco Claver, director of the church's National Secretariat for Social Action, Justice and Peace (NASSA).

Claver, a leading voice for church reform, sees a link between church and politics reflecting the Philippines as a whole.

Revolution

"This is the real revolution and it will take time. It was unrealistic to expect changes overnight."

Aquino's scheduled Vatican visit for the canonisation of the first Filipino saint was abandoned last October as she struggled through the months of political turmoil that followed the fifth attempted coup of her presidency — a bloody August Army revolt that came close to unseating her.

Few commentators then predicted that she would still be in power in a year, let alone able to leave a country outwardly more stable than at any time since Marcos fled.

Arms talks, human rights demands and economic ties

By Patrick Worsnip

LONDON. (Reuters): Eastern and Western European countries are shaking up a cocktail of arms talks, human rights demands and economic ties, with each side wanting a brew to its own taste.

The main prize is an agreement at the 35-nation European Security Conference in Vienna, which would allow ambitious new talks to start on East-West troop cuts on the continent, while also laying out a new charter for respect of personal freedoms.

Reduction

But progress towards the agreement is being blocked by what Western diplomats say is the unusual spectacle of discord among the East bloc countries, with Romania trying to water down the section of the final document dealing with human rights.

These diplomats, who only three weeks ago were confident the 19-month-old conference could be wound up by the end of July, its latest deadline, now fear it may have to reconvene after a summer break unless the impasse is overcome.

East and West Europe shake up the cocktail

Without acceptable wording on human rights, NATO countries say, they will not agree to launch the force reduction talks, covering manpower and weaponry in all Europe "from the Atlantic to the Urals."

The balance between the security and humanitarian angles has been a feature of European security conferences ever since the first one, which ended with the Helsinki Declaration in 1975.

But liberal reforms in the Soviet Union since Mikhail Gorbachev took over the Kremlin held three years ago have emboldened the Western countries.

Encourage

During his May 29-June 2 visit to Moscow, US President Ronald Reagan, with speeches to Soviet dissidents and religious figures, managed to draw more public attention to human rights than to arms control.

A NATO foreign ministers' meeting in Madrid last week, at

Kabul scene

Reality and unreality blur in the dust storm

By Earleen Fisher

KABUL. (AP): When the dust storms come, Kabul vanishes behind a white cloud that grittily obscures all sense of what's real and what isn't.

But when the winds die down, and the dust suspended in the air drifts to the ground, the sun breaks through, and the city of mud brick houses and 2 million people shimmers back into view.

It's a bit like stepping into a magic spell. Kabul has the same sense of reality and unreality struggling with each other until the lines of distinction blur.

The Afghan capital is communist and capitalist at the same time.

Helping

The government of the People's Democratic Party of Afghanistan is one of the Soviet Union's most successful attempts to impose communist rule on a Muslim nation. The only other country where the Kremlin's system of politburos and totalitarianism has found such fertile ground is South Yemen, where the transformation was achieved without the superpower confrontation being waged over Afghanistan.

Here, the United States had entered the fray by supporting and helping arm the mujahideen (Islamic holy warriors) who are fighting Afghan and Soviet soldiers.

But in spite of the Soviet-style

government, Kabul is a capitalist city where US dollars, are avidly sought by merchants selling everything from 100-year-old handwoven Afghan carpets to gaudy lace stockings from the sweatshops of the Far East.

Kabul is a city full of life and, increasingly, of death.

Teenage girls strive for the latest styles as their tailors stitch government-issue blue cotton into school uniforms patterned on the skirts and jackets shown in European fashion magazines.

The markets bustle with more traditionally clad women wearing the "chadri," an all-enveloping veil that descends in pleats from a skullcap with only a coarse mesh panel over the eyes to let the wearer see out.

Small boys in pyjama-like tunics and pants turn cartwheels in grassy traffic circles, dodging sprays of water from tanker trucks that keep the geraniums blossoming.

At night, streets are virtually deserted. The rare motorist is suddenly stopped by an Afghan soldier who emerges from the gloom to wave his rifle and check the traveller's identity. Soviet soldiers, who have started withdrawing from other cities, still surround Kabul in their ring of tanks, armoured personnel carriers and fortified bunkers.

Mujahideen rockets hit Kabul several times a week, usually at night. Often they land near Afghan and Soviet military posts, but rockets are

notoriously inaccurate and many of the casualties are civilians asleep in their homes.

One of these victims was carried into a hospital X-ray room a few days ago. The white-haired man lay unconscious on a narrow bed of ropes woven across a wooden frame. His right eye was closed, his left concealed by a bloody bandage. Blood stains covered the shoulders of his brown tunic, and one leg lay at an improbably angle under a red plaid blanket.

He had been brought to the hospital, bed and all, by three men wearing turbans, baggy trousers and layers of robes.

Refused

The old man lived, according to a hospital staffer who said such victims arrive almost every morning. But the staffer refused to give specific numbers, reflecting the reluctance to make statements not authorised by the government.

Death is tangible at Tapa-e-Shuhadan, "the hill of the martyrs," Kabul's cemetery for government troops who have died in the decade of war with the mujahideen.

Tapa-e-Shuhadan is off-limits much of the time, even to mourners, for it is in a military zone. A visit to the hill quickly reveals the reason: Tapa-e-Shuhadan sits atop a huge ammunition dump, evident from the concrete doorways and little ventilation chimneys built into the slopes below the graves.

Close presidential race likely

Dukakis off to a strong start

By David Espo

WASHINGTON. (AP): Democrat Michael Dukakis is off to a strong start in California and other longtime Republican strongholds in his race against Vice President George Bush, although a closely contested presidential election seems likely, according to an Associated Press survey.

The 50-state survey indicated widespread optimism among Democrats that Dukakis, the son of Greek immigrants, can end eight years of Republican rule in the White House.

Republican officials in many states said the contest shapes up as a tight one, but several said Bush could win easily if he succeeds in his attempt to depict Dukakis as an heir to the Democratic Party's liberal past.

Dukakis leads in the polls in California and New Jersey, which last voted Democratic in 1964, and is running even with Bush in the polls in Utah, which gave President Ronald Reagan his largest majorities in 1980 and 1984.

One survey shows the Massachusetts governor running even in reliably Republican Nebraska, and within striking distance in Texas and Florida, key southern states.

"I think it will be the closest presidential contest we've had since 1976," said Tom Cole, the Republican state chairman in Oklahoma. Oklahoma hasn't voted for a Democrat in a presidential campaign since 1964, but Cole said, "we don't have a candidate with Ronald Reagan's unique popularity. That's not to knock (criticise) George Bush. Nobody else has got that kind of popularity either."

Democratic chairwoman Karen Marchione of Washington state said: "This is the best

shot we've had in a long, long time." The last time a Democrat carried her state in a presidential election was 1968.

Republicans have won four of the last five presidential elections, with Jimmy Carter's victory in 1976 the only exception.

While Dukakis leads in nationwide public opinion polls, there is agreement that political fortunes in the five months until the election will be influenced by factors such as selection of a vice presidential running mate, campaign debates and the health of the economy.

Republicans believe that Dukakis' lead is a temporary result of favourable publicity over the past several weeks generated by

his string of primary victories against black civil-rights leader Jesse Jackson.

"I sense a strong base of support for Vice-President Bush" in the south, says Steve French, political director of the Alabama Republican Party. "But Republicans in Alabama realize how close this election can be."

Officials of both parties agree that the vice-president also has to contend with weaknesses in the Midwest.

"If the election were held today, I think Michael Dukakis would stand a good chance of winning Iowa," where a Democrat last won in 1964, said the state's Republican chairman, Michael Mahaffey.

TODAY IN HISTORY

- 1497 — Duke of Gandia is murdered, allegedly by Cesare Borgia, who acquires dominant position in papal politics.
- 1645 — Forces under Oliver Cromwell defeat royalists at Naseby in England.
- 1800 — France's Napoleon Bonaparte defeats Austrians at Battle of Marengo and reconquers Italy.
- 1898 — Anglo-French convention defines boundaries in Nigeria and Gold Coast.
- 1939 — Japanese blockade British concession at Tientsin.
- 1940 — German forces occupy Paris in World War II.
- 1941 — US President Franklin D. Roosevelt orders freezing of German and Italian assets in United States.
- 1949 — Vietnam state is established at Saigon under Bao Dai.
- 1959 — United States agrees to provide Greece with nuclear information and supply ballistic rockets.
- 1962 — European Space Research Organisation is established at Paris, France.
- 1964 — High winds and floods in West Pakistan destroy hundreds of homes and take more than 250 lives.
- 1967 — US Mariner spacecraft is launched toward Venus to try finding out if that planet can support life.
- 1975 — Soviet Union launches its second spacecraft in six days toward Venus for October rendezvous designed to land one or two capsules on planet.
- 1980 — United States rejects European call for role by Palestine Liberation Organisation in Middle East peace talks.
- 1987 — Pope John Paul II ends week-long pilgrimage to his native Poland with stern lecture about human rights to nation's communist leadership.

'The greatest enigma in the annals of unsolved crime'

Caine moves to TV for 'Ripper' series

By Gregory Jensen

LONDON, (UPI): Michael Caine, a gold watch fob bouncing against his grey waistcoat, climbed from a horse-drawn hansom cab, the other day in pursuit of the infamous killer Jack the Ripper.

'It's very tense, this,' Caine said when the camera turned elsewhere. 'A really gripping, clever thriller.'

Exactly 100 years ago, in 1888, the butchery of five prostitutes in London's teeming East End grabbed the world's imagination. The vicious Ripper murders became not only the Victorian era's most notorious but remain even today 'the greatest enigma in the annals of unsolved crime.'

Now Caine, in his first television role in 22 years, is in a TV movie which claims to solve the mystery. 'Jack the Ripper,' a costly, four-hour miniseries, will be shown in two parts in USA this autumn and as four one-hour instalments in Britain about the same time.

One drippy morning recently, technicians peered the 20th century off a residential London street. It was merely background to close-ups of the stars, but a half-dozen horse-drawn carriages replaced towed-away cars and sidewalks bustled with top-hatted, long-gowned strollers.

'It's the definitive Jack the Ripper because we have a killer,' Caine said between shots.

'Mind you, I don't know who he is. And I don't want to know, for two reasons.'

Character

First, my character, Inspector Abberline, didn't know. And second, if anyone finds out they can't blame me.

David Wickes, the version's co-author, producer and director, says he has discovered who the ripper was. But to keep the secret he's shooting four different endings, and the 'right' one won't be revealed until the series is shown. Even photographs of the production are banned until then.

There have been dozens of

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Michael Caine: playing Jack the Ripper.

ripper 'solutions' in the past. The sadistic killer has been identified as everyone from Winston Churchill's father, Lord Randolph Churchill, to Queen Victoria's grandson, the Duke of Clarence.

This solution brings Michael Caine back to the small screen after a breathless run of 62 movie roles.

'I haven't done TV since 1966,' said Caine, 54, waving a cigar. 'Not since I played Horatio to Christopher Plummer's Hamlet.'

'But in the meantime the miniseries has become much more important. It's an ideal way to tell a long story — and believe me, this one is long. The script

weighs about 5 pounds; it's giving me arms like Arnold Schwarzenegger.'

His character, a Scottish Yard inspector, was among the 80 detectives and hundreds of uniformed police who slaved over the ripper investigation for months. Caine's presence helps explain why CBS, in an unprecedented deal, paid \$4.25 million sight unseen to screen the series in the United States.

Bizarre

Some scenes are being shot in a bizarre, phantasmagoric onetime lunatic asylum west of London. Others were filmed in the shabby East End streets where the ripper murders actually happened and in



Caine: back to the small screen after a breathless run of 62 movie roles.

upper-class London — where Inspector Abberline runs down clues.

Caine once fretted that 'If you take a TV part, people think it's because you can't get a movie.' That certainly hasn't happened with him.

'I start my next movie exactly a week after we finish this,' he said. 'It's a comedy with Steve Martin.'

'I asked the director where we'd be shooting, and he said Cannes, Menton, Antibes, all over the French Riviera, and I said "well, somebody's got to do the tough locations."

Caine jokes about everything — except acting. Few star actors are more popular with fellow workers like the extras who at that moment were enduring the drizzle outside, cravats and chapeau feathers drooping in the mist.

'He's a real pro, Michael is,' said one, stroking his waxed moustache. 'He always knows everybody's moves, not just his own,' said a technician. 'And there's never a harsh word, always some wise remark.'

It may be questioned whether there is anything new to say about Jack the Ripper, a case which has spawned countless articles, library shelves of books which are still appearing, at least six earlier movies. That doesn't bother Caine.

'It was basically the script,' he says about his decision to take this TV role. 'I read just the first 50 pages and I knew I had to do it.'

TV mini-series reveals Nazi connections

Skeletons in Coco Chanel's closet

By Barbara Bright

PARIS, Reuter: A fictional television mini-series now being filmed outside Paris spins a tale of intrigue during World War Two, including the story of Coco Chanel's real-life liaison with a German intelligence officer.

'The Man Who Lived At The Ritz,' based on an American novel of the same title, stars French actress-dancer Leslie Caron as the legendary fashion designer, a convent-educated country girl who changed fashion forever by putting women in trousers, suits, costume jewellery and basic black.

In the years between the two world wars, Chanel owned a fashionable mansion in central Paris, but she kept rooms at the Ritz hotel intermittently over a period of 40 years.

And it was at the Ritz, according to her biographers, that Chanel, 57 when the war started, lived with a mysterious German lover, who was 17 years her junior.

In earlier years, Chanel had affairs with the rich English aristocrat the Duke of Westminster, and Russian composer Igor Stravinsky, but she never married.

Caron, now 56, bears an uncanny resemblance to the famous designer, who died, in 1971. With her dark hair bobbed short under a straw breton hat, white leather gloves tucked into her pocket, she was wearing a pink plaid two-piece suit copied from Chanel designs when she was interviewed on the set.

Caron, who became a star in her first film in 1956 when she played opposite Gene Kelly in the film musical classic, 'An American in Paris,' has appeared in dozens of films and on the stage.

Playing Chanel, she said in an interview on the television film set, was a role she coveted despite the designer's reputation for bitchiness.

'Meanness has never stopped anybody being attractive,' said the actress, adding that she believed Chanel covered up an innate shyness with a facade of brash behaviour.

'She met this officer barely in



French actress-dancer Leslie Caron stars as the legendary Chanel in 'The Man Who Lived At The Ritz' based on an American novel of the same title.

his 40s, and had an affair with him that lasted until long after the war ended. They lived together for a while in Switzerland.'

Chanel was apparently deeply in love with him, although she was not considered a Nazi sympathiser and closed down her shop during the war years.

'She closed down her couture shop in 1939, and reopened in 1954 when she was past 70,' continued Caron. 'I think she went back into the fashion business because she was galled by Christian Dior's success.'

The new look that Dior introduced in 1947, with tight waists, full skirts and fitted bodices, was the antithesis of Chanel, 'who thought simplicity, comfort and discretion were elegance,' said Caron.

But French society was slow to forgive her Nazi connection, and the reviews of Chanel's first post-war collection in 1954 were disastrous.

Still, she persevered, and within two years she had re-established her empire.

Chanel, rejected in early years because of her humble background, eventually became the professional who dressed the world's most prominent women. At the end of society came to her.

'She was very very pugnacious,' said Caron. 'She became a queen in fashion and business, she was admired and feared.'

Chanel left behind a business empire including perfumes (Chanel No. 5 is the most famous), cosmetics, couture and ready-to-wear fashions and accessories that remains one of the fashion industry's most flourishing.

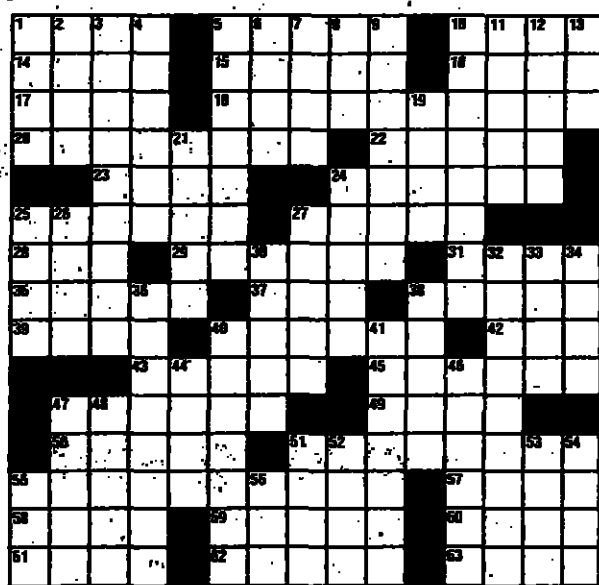
But a spokeswoman said the Chanel company is opposed to the television project. 'We don't want to be associated with this film. We are completely against it,' she said, declining to say why.

And despite the name in the title, the famous Ritz hotel does not serve as backdrop for the thriller.

Instead, scenes for the estimated seven million dollar production are being filmed at Paris restaurants, at a chateau that once belonged to the Rothschild banking family, and at the Versailles stables, where the arches resemble the facade of the Ritz.

'I think the Ritz didn't want Nazi flags put outside for the filming,' said one member of the cast.

TODAY'S CROSSWORD



- ACROSS**
- 1 Suva's island
 - 5 Garishness
 - 10 Pivot
 - 14 Cuckoo, for example
 - 15 Farmer's environment
 - 16 Hang onto
 - 17 Columnist
 - 18 Moving
 - 20 Sap
 - 22 Jules, the novelist
 - 23 Lima, navy or pinto
 - 24 Mide, for one
 - 25 'The Voice of the'
 - 27 Gaining game
 - 28 Blackbird
 - 31 Zola novel
 - 35 Factions
 - 37 Hesitant sounds
 - 38 Quivering tree
 - 39 Brit. gun
 - 40 Gauchos' gear
 - 42 Norma
 - 43 Give the third degree
 - 45 Playwright's opus
 - 47 Remove
 - 49 'Heart and'
 - 50 Newcastle excesses
 - 51 Nasty
 - 55 April shower's aftermath
 - 57 Easy stride
 - 58 Egyptian goddess
 - 59 Bundle of sticks
 - 60 Trademark
 - 61 Marries
 - 62 Unkissed prince?
 - 63 College in North Carolina
- DOWN**
- 1 Bus passenger
 - 2 Press
 - 3 Wedding
 - 4 Hospice in Turkey
 - 5 Wrestler, to fans
 - 6 Fontaine's partner
 - 7 Comedian
 - 8 Sound from the bleachers
 - 9 Bronco and Cowboys
 - 10 Whets
 - 11 Actor, Greene's problem
 - 12 Woman's letter
 - 13 Old English
 - 19 Track event
 - 21 Dingles
 - 24 Beat
 - 25 Soviet press org.
 - 26 Entity
 - 27 Aesop's point
 - 30 Highland dances
 - 32 The pasque-flower
 - 33 Certain tide
 - 34 Dilsead of the Bible
 - 36 Dois a botanist's job
 - 38 Haberdashery item
 - 40 Swindles
 - 41 Hoops
 - 42 Brook
 - 43 Narrow street
 - 47 Word with land or sea
 - 48 Dealt with lightly
 - 51 Utah's lily
 - 52 Visuals, of old
 - 53 Ascend
 - 54 Novelist Urs.
 - 55 Gullet
 - 56 1812 event

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

ESSES ALEC WARE
DEPOT MACH EXES
TEASE THROTTLES
DRIVES UKULELE
KNEE SETA
MAPS LOW SUNBOW
ENL THRU DUCE
TOUR STEEP SMEE
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RESCUE LOS SENS
ENES AJAR
VAMPIRE CLUTCH
FLATTIRES MURED
WACO NICK PROSE
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GOREN BRIDGE

BY CHARLES GOREN AND OMAR SHARIF

ANSWERS TO WEEKLY BRIDGE QUIZ

Q.1—As South, vulnerable, you hold:
♠K73 ♥AQ6 ♦AQ1063 ♣A8
The bidding has proceeded:
South West North East
1 ♠ Pass 1 ♠ Pass
2 NT Pass 3 ♠ Pass

What do you bid now?
A.—Partner's bid is a one-round force (no one can know that the hand will make exactly nine tricks at spades, but not eight at no trump), and usually promises at least a six-card suit. Your hand has become golden—prime controls in every suit, a ruffing value and three trumps to a high trump honor. Trumpet your slam interest with a four-club cue-bid.

Q.2—East-West vulnerable, as South you hold:
♠K1065 ♥95 ♦J97542 ♣6
The bidding has proceeded:
North East South
3 ♠ Dbl ?
What action do you take?
A.—It's simply a question of whether the opponents can make a small slam or a grand, and what you can do to prevent them from getting there. Certainly you should up the ante, and it's only a matter of whether you should bid four, five, or six spades. We have a slight preference for the latter.

Q.3—Both vulnerable, as South you hold:
♠763 ♥KQ982 ♦Q76 ♣83
The bidding has proceeded:
North East South West
1 ♠ Pass 1 ♥ Pass
1 ♠ Pass ?
What action do you take?
A.—While partner's bid is not forcing, you should tend to pass only if you have a dead minimum for your first bid. You have nothing to be ashamed about here, so we suggest you venture one no trump.

Q.4—Both vulnerable, as South you hold:
♠763 ♥KQ982 ♦Q76 ♣83
The bidding has proceeded:
South West North East
Pass Pass 1 ♠ Pass
1 ♥ Pass 1 ♠ Pass

What action do you take?
A.—It's the same hand and almost the same situation, except this time you are a passed hand. If partner has substantial values, he will strive to find a bid that cannot be passed.

Since there is less chance of a heart fit here, we don't mind if you elect to pass.

Q.5—Neither vulnerable, as South you hold:
♠J8 ♥AQJ1063 ♦A87 ♣Q6
The bidding has proceeded:
South West North East
1 ♥ Pass 1 ♠ Pass
2 ♥ Pass 2 NT Pass

What action do you take?
A.—Since partner is showing a balanced hand of 11-12 points, you certainly want to be in game. However, don't bid four hearts—you have already told partner you have a six-card suit. With your balanced hand and honor in every suit, nine tricks might be easier than 10. Raise to three no trump.

Q.6—Both vulnerable as South you hold:
♠KJ6 ♥Q1092 ♦AJ7 ♣KQ9
The bidding has proceeded:
South West North East
1 NT Pass 4 NT Pass ?
What action do you take?
A.—If you think that partner is asking for aces, you need to brush up on your basics. He is making a quantitative raise in no trump, asking you to go to slam if you have a maximum no trump. Unfortunately, you are dead minimum, so you have to pass.



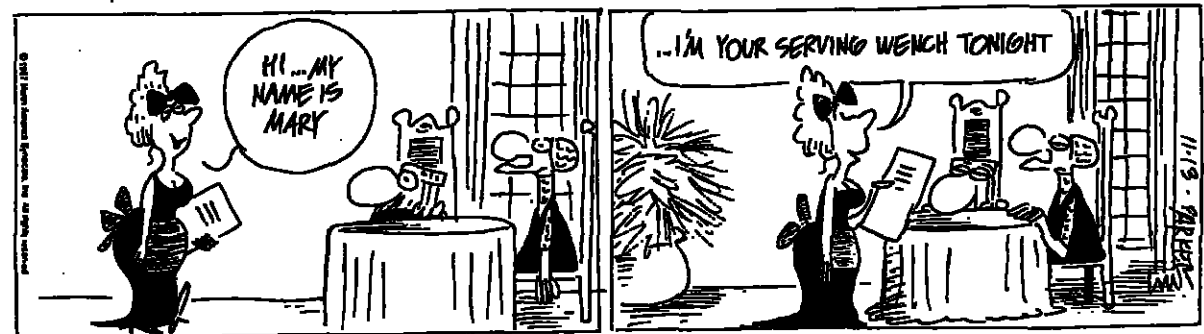
"Will you be home for tea, dear?"



"One rabbit, yes, two rabbits, NO!"

THE WIZARD OF ID

By Brant Parker and Johnny Hart



B.C.

By Johnny Hart



YOUR STARS



Aries (March 20 - April 18)

This is going to be an interesting and significant day for you. You should leave yourself with sufficient time to reflect upon what you are doing. Make sure you keep your emotions under control. Be reliable.



Taurus (April 19 - May 19)

You should not allow your extravagant tastes to get the better of you. You will have more energy but you must not dissipate it. Make sure you do not get out of step with your colleagues. Be generous.



Gemini (May 20 - June 20)

Mercury's influence combined with that of Venus will help you to make the right decisions. You should try to use forcefulness where gentle persuasion has failed.



Cancer (June 21 - July 21)

You should beware of exaggerations and all kinds of excesses. You will have some doubts but you should not let them get the better of you. A little bit of good luck will not be enough to make up for hard work. Be tolerant.



Leo (July 22 - Aug. 21)

You will be able to make good and rapid progress. You should allow your personal life to take precedence for the present. Make sure you do not appear to be ungrateful. Be sincere.



Virgo (Aug. 22 - Sept. 21)

This is going to be a hectic and rather tiring day for you. Better to be more slow and thorough than to have to go back over something done quickly but superficially.



Libra (Sept. 22 - Oct. 22)

You should not be obstinate but nor should you give up too soon. You should not leave something that is your responsibility to others. A little bit more patience is needed just now. Be flexible.



Scorpio (Oct. 23 - Nov. 21)

You will be able to make better progress than you have done of late. Make sure you do not overstretch yourself financially. You will be able to take advantage of a good opportunity. Be cordial.



Sagittarius (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21)

You will have a lot to do so make sure you do not permit yourself to be distracted. Try to keep things as simple as possible. A personal matter particularly one involving your children should not be neglected.



Capricorn (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19)

Make sure you do not get into arrears with tax matters. You are all too liable to jump to the wrong conclusions. You should make sure you are not late for an appointment. Be sensible.



Aquarius (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18)

The better influence of Saturn and Uranus will help you to keep out of trouble. However you must also try to exercise more common sense. Avoid doing anything on the spur of the moment.



Pisces (Feb. 19 - March 19)

You should not try to tackle too many things all at once. An unpleasant chore cannot be avoided and should be tackled without delay. Try to exercise a little more restraint. Be selective.

JUNIOR TIMES

Dear Junior Readers,

UNLESS you are a naturally tidy person, you are probably often reminded by your parents to keep your room tidy and to clear up your things from other rooms in the house.

Perhaps you sometimes wonder why mums and dads seem so concerned about this. It certainly looks nicer when everything is put in order, but that is not the only reason. Tidiness saves time and trouble; just think how much easier it makes finding something when you know exactly where you put it and do not need to rummage through drawers, cupboards and pockets to get what it is you are looking for! Being tidy also helps you to be responsible for your things and shows others that you care. Imagine how you would feel if a friend returned a book he or she had borrowed, with the pages crumpled and coffee stains on the cover. Worse still, what if your friend did not even return the book because he or she could not find it?

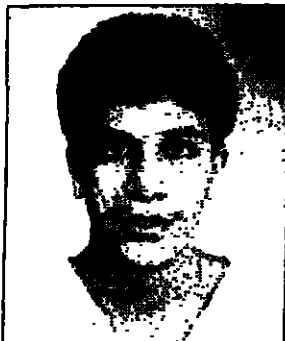
Remember that we should be tidy outside the home too. Streets, beaches, parks and gardens are spoiled by careless, untidy people who are not bothered where they throw their rubbish. That shows that they do not care for our world or the other people in it, which is, of course, selfish.

Show that you care — wherever you are.

Auntie Joanne.

Congratulations

Congratulations to Ashraf Kamal Khatib on passing the final Secondary School Certificate exam with an excellent 98.4 per cent. Best wishes from your family and friends.



Word jungle

Hidden within this maze of letters are the names of fifteen animals. You can go in any direction to complete a name. Tick them as you find them.

C A B E L S S A R B E Z
S T U R K A Q A W X I F
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PENGUINS PELICANS LEOPARDS
ELEPHANTS PANDAS VULTURES
OSTRICHES ZEBRAS BEAVERS
LIONS KANGAROOS BATS
DOGS DUCKS GIRAFFES

(Continued from Thursday)

'Jean Labadie,' she cried to him, 'you should be ashamed of yourself, letting that fierce dog run loose in the village.'

'But my dog is chained up in the yard at home,' said Jean.

'So Andre Drouillard told me,' said Madame, 'but he has broken loose. He is running along lifting one paw this way and another paw that way, with the broken chain dragging in the dust. He growled at me and bared his fangs. It's a lucky thing his chain caught on a bush or I would not be talking to you now.'

Jean sighed. 'Perhaps I should get rid of my big black dog,' he said. 'Tomorrow I will take him back to the Indians.'

So next day Jean hitched his horse to the cart and waited until he saw Andre Drouillard at work in his garden. Then he whistled loudly toward the yard, made a great show of helping his dog climb up between the wheels and drove past Andre's house with one arm curved out in a bow, as if it were around the dog's neck.

'Au revoir, Andre!' he called. Then he looked at the empty half of the seat. 'Bark good-bye to Andre Drouillard, fellow, for you are leaving here forever.'

Jean drove out to the

Jean Labadie's big black dog

Indian village and spent the day with his friends, eating and talking. It seemed a bad waste of time when there was so much to be done on the farm, but on the other hand, it was worth idling all day in order to end the big black dog matter.

Dusk was falling as he rounded the curve near his home. He saw the shadowy figure of Andre Drouillard waiting for him near his gate. A feeling of foreboding came over Jean.

News

'What is it?' he asked his neighbour. 'Do you have some bad news for me?'

'It's about your big black dog,' said Andre. 'He has come back home. Indeed he beat you by an hour. It was that long ago I saw him running down the road to your house with his big red tongue hanging out of his mouth and lifting one paw this way and another paw that way.'

Jean was filled with rage. For a twist of tobacco, he would have struck Andre with his horsewhip.

'Andre Drouillard,' he shouted, 'you are a liar! I just left the big black dog with the Indians. They have tied him up.'

Andre sneered. 'A liar, am I? We shall

see who is the liar. Wait until the others see your big black dog running around again.'

So Jean might as well have accused Andre of being a chicken thief in the first place, for now they were enemies anyway. And he certainly might as well have stayed home and fixed his roof.

Things turned out as his neighbour had hinted. Madame Villeneuve saw the big black dog running behind her house. Henri Dupuis saw him running around the corner of the store. Delphine Langlois even saw him running through the graveyard among the tombstones. And always as he ran along, he lifted one paw this way and another paw that way.

There came that day when Jean Labadie left his neighbour chopping wood all by himself, because they were no longer friends, and drove into the village to have his black mare shod. While he was sitting in front of the blacksmith shop, Andre Drouillard came galloping up at a great speed. He could scarcely hold the reins, for one hand was cut and bleeding. A crowd quickly gathered.

'What is wrong, Andre

Drouillard?' they asked.

'Have you cut yourself?' 'Where is Dr Brisson? Someone fetch Dr Brisson.'

Andre Drouillard pointed his bleeding hand at Jean Labadie.

'His big black dog bit me,' he accused. 'Without warning, he jumped the fence as soon as Jean drove away and sank his teeth into my hand.'

There was a gasp of horror from every throat. Jean Labadie reddened. He walked over to Andre and stared at the wound.

'It looks like an axe cut to me,' he said.

Then everyone grew angry at Jean Labadie and his big black dog. They threatened to drive them both out of the parish.

'My friends,' said Jean wearily, 'I think it is time for this matter to be ended. The truth of it is that I have no big black dog. I never had a big black dog. It was all a joke.'

'Aha!' cried Andre. 'Now he is trying to crawl out of the blame. He says he has no big black dog. Yet I have seen in with my own eyes, running around and lifting one paw this way and another paw that way.'

'I have seen it, too,' cried Madame Villeneuve. 'It

ran up and growled at me.'

'And I.'

'And I.'

Jean Labadie bowed his head.

'All right, my friends,' he said. 'There is nothing more I can do about it. I guess that big black dog will eat me out of house and home for the rest of my life.'

'You mean you won't make things right about this hand?' demanded Andre Drouillard.

'What do you want me to do?' asked Jean.

'I will be laid up for a week at least,' said Andre Drouillard, 'and right at harvest time. Then, too, there may be a scar. But for two of your plumpest pullets, I am willing to overlook the matter and be friends again.'

'That is fair,' cried Henri Dupuis.

'It is just,' cried the blacksmith.

'A generous proposal,' agreed everyone.

Witnesses

'And now we will return to my farm,' said Jean Labadie, 'and I will give Andre two of my pullets. But all of you must come. I want witnesses.'

A crowd trooped down the road to watch the transaction. It was almost as large as the one that had attended Tante Odette's skunk party.

After Jean had given his

neighbour two of his best pullets, he commanded the crowd. 'Wait!'

He went into the house. When he returned, he was carrying his gun.

'I want witnesses,' explained Jean, 'because I am going to shoot my big black dog. I want everyone to see this happen.'

The crowd murmured and surged. Jean gave a long low whistle toward the henhouse.

'Here comes my big black dog,' he pointed. 'You can see how he runs to me with his big red tongue hanging out and lifting one paw this way and another paw that way.'

Everyone saw the big black dog.

Jean Labadie lifted his gun to his shoulder, pointed it at nothing and pulled the trigger. There was a deafening roar and the gun kicked Jean to the ground. He arose and brushed off his blouse. Madame Villeneuve screamed and Delphine Langlois fainted.

'There,' said Jean, brushing away a tear. 'It is done. That is the end of my big black dog. Isn't that true?'

And everyone agreed that the dog was gone for good.

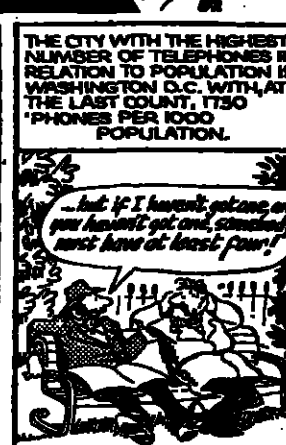
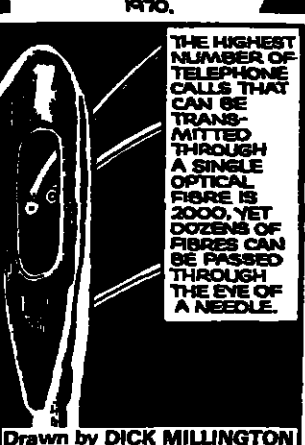
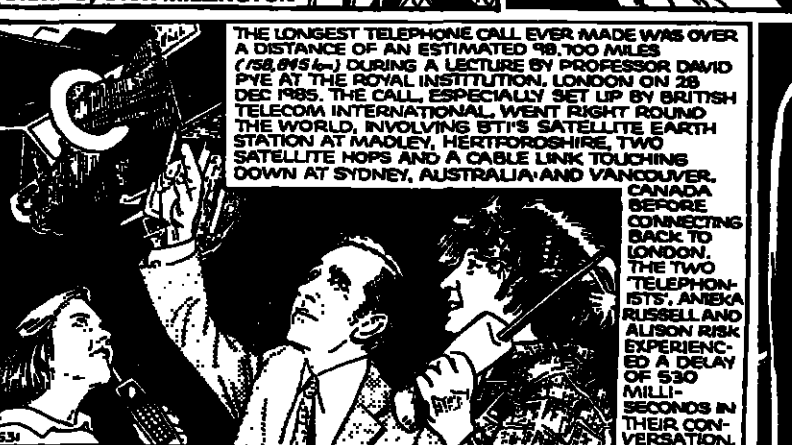
So remember this, my friends: If you must make up a big black dog, do not allow others to help or you may find that you are no longer the dog's master.

Factfile FROM THE GUINNESS BOOK OF RECORDS

THE ENGLISH NEWSPAPER CO. INTRODUCED THE FIRST LONG PLAYING RECORD IN 1904. DESIGNED FOR USE WITH A SAPPHIRE STYLUS, THEY MEASURED 10 IN. AND PLAYED FOR 12 MINUTES AT 78 RPM.



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Food facts

THE first biscuits had to be cooked twice to prevent them from going stale. The word 'biscuit' comes from the two French words 'bis' which means 'twice' and 'cuit' which means 'cooked'.

The sandwich earned its name from Lord Sandwich, an 18th-century gambler who would not get up from the gaming table to eat, so ordered bread and beef to sustain him. Since then, the sandwich has become one of the most popular and varied types of food.

Potato crisps were first invented by a man whose name was, appropriately, George Crum. He was in fact a Red Indian chief.

Coffee was first drunk in Arabia where it was called 'bun'. It was only in the sixteenth century that coffee began to be drunk for pleasure, before then it was used as medicine.

The first chocolate did not appear in Europe until the beginning of the sixteenth century and then it was only served as a drink.

You may think that the Frankfurter sausage, often put into hot dogs, first came from Germany, but in fact it was invented in China.

Solution to Thursday's Word search.

Track, heart, actor, rocket, wreck, choke, throw, wreath, coat, water, earth, other, teach, crack, ear, crown, wheat, oath, creek, watch, weak, cork, chest, week, cheek.

Did you find any more?

When oil was formed

Today coal has lost the lead it once enjoyed among the fuels. First place has been taken by oil, the precious substance which gushes out of the depths of the Earth, bringing wealth and prosperity to the countries where it is found.

In his search for oil, man has managed to make even the desert habitable, to build enormous platforms to float on the sea, to drill through rock strata down to depths of some 5,000 metres, and has spent enormous sums in doing so.

These are always handsomely repaid once an oil-field has been reached, however, for tons and tons of 'black gold' (as oil is called) stream out of the well. The oil is taken through pipelines to refineries or tankers.

Oil is generally younger than coal. Its formation dates back to a more recent period in the history of the Earth, the Mesozoic Era, which lasted 225 million to 65 million years ago. This era saw the rise and fall of the great dinosaurs.

Even in the Mesozoic Era the folding and settling of the Earth's crust continued. Thick deposits of sea and lake sediment accumulated in different parts of the globe. The way in which these deposits are layered shows that the land and seas were successively rising and falling in this period.

When the world began

The Cretaceous Period, from 130 million to 65 million years ago, takes its name from the French word *creta*, meaning chalk, which was actually formed in those distant times. This period is one of the longest in the history of the Earth. It lasted for over 65 million years, during which animal-life on land developed in profusion. Because of the unsettled conditions on Earth, enormous masses of organic substances, perhaps derived from decomposing animals, were imprisoned in the ground where they were gradually transformed until they became the mineral oils of today.

The rock strata of this period are very important, partly because they contain large deposits of copper, aluminium and other minerals but mostly because they also contain fossil traces of the first flowers, a sign that great progress was being made in the plant kingdom.

When the present continents were formed

AT the very time when oil was beginning to form, an enormous shift took place in the Earth's crust, which slowly resulted in the formation of the present continents.

Numerous studies, even in recent years, confirm the theory that the great continental mass pushed out

of the sea in the earlier periods and then split apart into several pieces which drifted about the Earth for hundreds of millions of years. Finally, between the middle of Cretaceous and early Tertiary Periods (100 million to 50 million years ago) these pieces split up a gain to form land masses recognisable in form to the continents of today. These sections are still drifting apart.

This interesting suggestion, first put forward by the German meteorologist, Alfred Wegener (1880-1930), is known as the theory of 'continental drift'. Wegener, who was also a daring explorer and experienced geologist, published his ideas in a book printed in 1912. It naturally created a great stir in scientific circles, which soon split into two groups, one of his supporters and one of his opponents. They were both eager to prove or disprove his theory.

In a few words, Wegener's idea was as follows: in dim, distant times the continental masses were joined together in a single block (or shield), which Wegener called Pangaea. The rest of the Earth was covered by a primeval mass of water, the Pantalaxia.

During the Eocene Period, about 50 million years ago, a slow but



steady movement then began. The Pangaea cracked and, pulled apart by the rotating movement of the Earth, the bits began to drift away from each other as if they were floating on a heavier, more elastic base.

According to Wegener it was because of this shifting that the folds occurred in the Earth's crust which lifted up the loftiest mountain chains still existing in the world today.

The chef's menu is all mixed up. Unscramble the letters to find out what he will cook for dinner.

Menu

NAWPR KACCTILO
TROSA EBFE
HIRROKYES DIPGUND
BAGBACE
TOOPSATE
ITRUF DALAS
SHECEE
FECFOE

It's magic

Through the hanky

The illusion: Someone holds a handkerchief by the two upper corners, and you put a safety pin through the top hem and near one corner. Suddenly, you move the pin in a straight line across the handkerchief to the other corner—but the pin is still closed and the handkerchief is undamaged.

The trick: Make sure your friend holds the corners of the handkerchief firmly and the hem tightly stretched. Push the safety pin through the cloth about a half-inch down from the hem and about three inches from the left corner (1). Take the coil end of the

pin between your right thumb and fingers and twist the pin so that the moveable bar is on the right. Pull the pin towards you until the head touches the cloth, and your hand is to the right of the pin. Now, as you quickly pull the pin to the right, the material will slide between the point of the pin and the head (2). When you get close to the right corner stop moving, straighten the pin until it's at a right angle to the cloth, and push it away from you so it is again sticking through the cloth. Just like moving a chair from here to there (3).

Always use a relatively new handkerchief, as you might tear weak or old threads, but practice on an old one.

BUSINESS & FINANCE

Delegates forecast compromise rollover

OPEC will reach agreement on output quotas: Nazer

VIENNA, June 13, (Reuters): Saudi Arabian Oil Minister Hisham Nazer said today that OPEC, deeply divided in efforts to assign members' output quotas, would definitely reach an accord tomorrow fixing the organisation oil production for the rest of 1988.

"There is definitely going to be an agreement tomorrow," Nazer told reporters who had asked if an OPEC conference, now in its third day, would soon agree on output quotas needed to defend prices in the present glut.

Forecast
Senior delegates forecast a compromise rollover of an existing agreement which assigns quotas to 12 of the 13 members within an overall ceiling of 15.06 million barrels daily.

Founder-member Iraq has refused to join the pact because it is not given a quota as big as that

of its Gulf war rival, Iran. Prices dropped sharply on world oil markets today as traders judged that the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries would achieve nothing more solid than a rollover of its current agreement.

Delegates said OPEC was broadly united in wanting to boost prices to a target of \$18 a barrel — today prices in the open market were below \$16 — but that the organisation was deeply divided over how to go about it.

Eight members generally support trimming output. But the Arab Gulf states forecast rising oil consumption in the West this winter and want production levels to be increased, arguing that tighter curbs would risk forcing prices too high.

Ministers were putting the final touches to a deal today in private bilateral consultations.

The compromise could involve a pledge to review output after three months, delegates said.

The fragile unity of OPEC looked shakier than ever after UAE Oil Minister Mana Said Al Otaiba unexpectedly left the conference yesterday rejecting the quota assigned to his country as "meaningless".

He left his deputy behind who is expected to sign the next pact. He said the UAE had suffered by accepting existing production limits.

Prospect
The price of North Sea oil for July delivery fell 45 cents to \$15.50 a barrel from Friday's London closing levels when the market opened today on the prospect that OPEC would merely extend its present production agreement.

Industry sources pointed out



Hisham Nazer

that, if the UAE effectively joins Iraq in staying outside the organisation output curbs, about 20 per cent of OPEC output would be flowing uncontrolled into an

already over-supplied market. OPEC conference President Rilwanu Lukman of Nigeria, pleading for unity, earlier referred to "deep-rooted divisions" but said all 13 members should sign a new output agreement.

But Iran, which some delegates said is reluctant to roll over the current pact, today again emphatically rejected the idea of giving Iraq a quota as big as its own.

Historically
Iraq has historically been a smaller exporter and has a smaller population, but says the war makes it a special case. Market analysts said a rollover of the existing agreement would be likely to depress prices.

Mehdi Varzi of London stock-brokers Kleinwort Greaveson forecast North Sea Brent crude, a

world benchmark, slipping to \$15.

But prices at the petrol pump were not likely to fall as quickly.

Lukman, re-elected to a fifth term on Saturday as OPEC president, said of the UAE minister's abrupt departure: "Nobody walked out of the meeting."

But delegates said the UAE had been sharply criticised for exceeding its mandated output quota — "it's a blatant violation," one minister said privately.

Dogged
Political divisions over the nearly eight-year-old Gulf war have dogged the OPEC talks.

On the opening day, two Iranian speedboats ambushed a British-flagged tanker just off Saudi Arabia's coast and delegates saw the attack as a signal of Iranian displeasure with Saudi oil policy.

Sheikh Ali to discuss BP stake in London

VIENNA, June 13, (Reuters): Kuwaiti Oil Minister Sheikh Ali Al Khalifa Al Sabah will visit London briefly this week for talks on his country's stake in British Petroleum (BP), delegates to OPEC talks in Vienna said yesterday.

They said Sheikh Ali, attending the two-yearly Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) conference in the Austrian capital, was expected to leave late yesterday or early today and to return a few hours later.

The Kuwait Investment Office, investment arm of the Kuwait government, started to build up its shareholding to about 22 per cent in October 1987 when the British government sold off its remaining 31.5 per cent stake.

Last week Kuwait agreed not to add to its stake in BP pending an inquiry by the British government's Monopolies and Mergers Commission.

Last month, Britain referred the matter to the Commission out of concern that an OPEC member state had bought into a major oil company.

Central bankers warn of world economic risks

BASLE, Switzerland, June 13, (Reuters): Central bankers said today the world economy was in better health than expected after last year's crash in the financial markets but it still faced major dangers.

The Bank for International Settlements (BIS) drew attention in an annual report to renewed signs of higher inflation and rising interest rates and also to the Third World debt crisis, while noting that global trade imbalances still persisted.

Imbalances
Wim Duisenberg, the president of the BIS, which acts as a central banker to national central banks, meanwhile told its annual meeting that governments had to do more to correct those imbalances.

A text of his address showed that Duisenberg, governor of the Dutch Central Bank, also stressed the risk of inflation.

"After having been dampened by the stock market crash, they (inflationary expectations) have recently resurfaced, particularly in the United States in connection with the combined strength of domestic zbt" export demand.

The BIS report praised monetary authorities for the way they dealt with the October crash, which sent shares down by between one-third and one-half from 1987 peaks.

Duisenberg said a feature of the crash was that it had been restricted to financial markets. "There appears to have been no significant impact on economic activity," he said.

He noted that in the first three months of 1988, financial markets had been relatively calm, but recent rises in interest rates in the United States, West Germany and Japan showed signs of resurfacing unrest.

He also said that, barring a US recession which would depress US demand for imports, "the rest of the world will have to finance sizeable US current account deficits for some time to come."

Summarised
In his speech, which largely summarised the BIS annual report, Duisenberg said future developments largely depended on the way markets believed that governments and central banks were handling the economic situation.

Central banks had intervened recently in foreign exchange markets but "nobody thinks that intervention alone can stabilise the dollar."

Duisenberg commended Japan for stimulating growth for goods by its fiscal policy but he had less praise for West Germany, Western Europe's most important economy. "Germany's fiscal policy, too,

has moved in the same direction ... although not as far as some, both in Germany and elsewhere, would like," he said.

Action
The Bonn government has persistently rejected demands to stimulate sluggish growth by bringing forward to next year a round of tax cuts scheduled for 1990.

Duisenberg also called for fur-

ther action in the United States to help reduce the federal budget deficit.

On the debt crisis, he said major debts were reducing their current account deficits and there had been initiatives to reduce their debts. But there was no sign they were regaining access to new money through the financial markets.

"All in all, and despite the

progress that has been made ... the debt situation remains a major problem," Duisenberg said.

Echoing recent calls from the Paris-based Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD), Duisenberg called on newly industrialised countries in Asia to play a role in reducing international trade imbalances.

Cyprus builds up shipping industry

NICOSIA, June 13, (AP): Cyprus, which has the world's seventh largest shipping fleet, is seeking to become an international maritime centre as well.

"Our objective is to attract shipping-banks, marine insurers, lawyers and brokers through tax incentives and other facilities," said Zenon Katsourides, appointed special shipping consultant to President George Vassiliou last month.

Services
"We want to be able to offer all the services peripheral to shipping by building on our existing base," he said in an interview.

The east Mediterranean island, which has been the centre of trade routes between the West and the Middle East for centuries, has the fastest growing shipping register in the world.

The register has grown from 1,487 ships and a gross tonnage of 9.6 million at the end of 1985, to 2,000 ships and a tonnage of 17 million now, Katsourides said.

The Cypriots recently announced plans to open offices in New York and Hong Kong to develop new markets for the fast-growing shipping register.

Passed
Parliament is discussing updating all shipping legislation passed in the last 30 years and the government is expanding facilities at Larnaca, a port on the south coast and the second largest on the island, in a five-year plan.

It eventually will be able to handle 60,000 containers a day. Larnaca and the other major port of Limassol, 35 miles (56 kilometres) to the west, lie in the Greek Cypriot sector of the war-divided island.

The major port of Famagusta was overrun by the Turkish Army, which invaded it in July 1974. The Turks seized the northern one-third of the island, which is now a breakaway republic.

Katsourides said that Cyprus is also an important ship-management centre.

Return
Katsourides, 48, a self-made millionaire who retired from ship-management in London 10 years ago to return to his native island, bristles at charges that Cyprus is a flag of convenience.

"To start with, 22 per cent of the Cyprus registry tonnage is Cypriot-owned, so we're a truly national flag," he said.

The rest of the tonnage is owned by Greek and West German interests, each with 35 per cent, with the remaining eight per cent belonging to other nations, Katsourides said.

He added that the main attraction of the Cypriot registry is that Cyprus shipping law is based on English maritime legislation "and is consequently accepted both by banks and insurance companies."

In addition, this legislation "is being constantly upgraded to safeguard the interest of both the

owners and the seafarers," he said.

"The average age of Cyprus-registered shipping has been reduced to 14 years, from 18 or 19 previously and this is a very good development," Katsourides added.

Cyprus recently was elected to the board of the International Maritime Organisation, and has ratified all international maritime conventions and agreements between owners and seamen's unions, he said.

The London-based "Lloyd's List," a shipping industry newspaper, said Katsourides' appointment was "seen as a signal to the shipping community around the world that changes to the Cyprus Maritime Administration will be given priority."

Living up
Katsourides' first moves after his appointment "showed he is living up to his reputation, won in the banking and offshore sectors, as being energetic and enthusiastic," the daily added.

Katsourides said Cyprus already has established itself as an important offshore banking and business centre.

"Our intention to offer all the services peripheral to shipping will not only prove beneficial for owners, but it will also benefit Cyprus," he said.

He said the large potential for development in Cyprus lies in shore-based, shipping-related activities.

64 pc Saudi exports went to GCC states

RIYADH, June 13, (OPECNA): In 1987, Saudi Arabia exported goods worth \$560.75 million — more than 64 per cent of its total exports — to Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) member states Kuwait, Bahrain, Qatar, Oman and the UAE.

The kingdom's imports from the five GCC states came to 774.36 million, a drop of six per cent over 1986.

The UAE is Saudi Arabia's biggest trade partner among GCC states. Nearly 50 per cent of Saudi imports from the GCC group were from UAE. Against exports of \$279.55 million to the federation, the Kingdom's imports were valued at 365.82 million.

EEC proposes farm-support freeze to cut trade tension

GENEVA, June 13, (Reuters): The European Economic Community (EEC) proposed yesterday that major farm producer states freeze their agricultural support programmes, which have distorted world markets and created enormous trade hostility.

It proposed that the producers agree to this as a short-term measure starting no later than the first half of 1989, while trade negotiators thrash out more substantive action to tackle market imbalances.

Overhaul
The EEC made the proposal to the agriculture group of the 105-nation Uruguay round of negotiations under the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade

(GATT). The four-year Uruguay round seeks to overhaul world trade methods.

A copy of the EEC proposal, made available to Reuters, said support should be frozen at 1984 levels and should apply to cereals, rice, sugar, vegetable oil, dairy products and beef.

Various producers, notably the European Economic Community, have subsidised farmers by guaranteeing them prices often above world levels, and buying surplus products which they often then dump on world markets at reduced levels.

This has led to retaliatory "export promotion programmes, and helped stimulate current negotiations to reduce such market distortions.

World Business Summary

Health bill would increase income tax for elders

WASHINGTON, June 13, (AP): The catastrophic-care bill awaiting President Ronald Reagan's signature will mean the biggest expansion of a federal health programme in a quarter-century but also carries a less-welcome surprise for millions of elderly Americans: a big income tax increase. For many Medicare recipients, the increase would more than wipe out the gain won when the tax system was overhauled in 1986. The tax increase would start being phased in for 1989 income for anyone who is eligible for Medicare. It would pay for about two-thirds of the cost of protecting Medicare recipients against catastrophic hospital, physician and drug expenses; the programme would cost an estimated \$33 billion over the next five years alone. The remainder of the cost would be covered by raising the monthly premium paid by recipients for doctors' services. Thus, those who benefit from the expanded programme would pay the entire cost — at least for the near future. "We have not asked our children to pay the medical bills that we incur," said US representative J.J. Pickle. "These benefits will be paid for by the men and women who will use the coverage."

UK North Sea contract awarded to Dallas company

DALLAS, Texas, June 13, (AP): Halliburton Co.'s Marine Engineering and Construction Business, a joint venture company half-owned by United Kingdom-based Brown and Root Ltd, has been awarded the largest single contract for development in the British sector of the North Sea, the company announced. The \$180 million contract awarded to Highlands Fabricators Ltd, also half-owned by George Wimpey Plc, calls for the business to develop three offshore production platforms in sole pit gas field in the southern sector of the North Sea for Shell UK exploration and production. The project will begin in September and is scheduled for completion in 1990, company officials said on Thursday. The contract includes the design, materials procurement, fabrication, load-out, installation, hook-up and precommissioning of three platforms. Brown and Root Vickers Ltd, a subsidiary of Dallas-based Halliburton's Brown and Root (UK) Ltd, will provide design engineering and project management support for the project.

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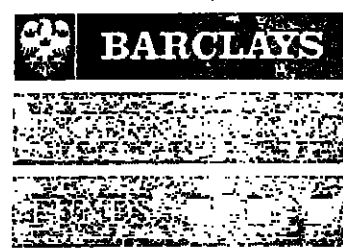
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Currency rates

As markets await release of US April trade figures

Dollar mainly higher, gold prices fall sharply

LONDON, June 13, (AP): The dollar was mainly higher in European trading today. Gold prices fell by more than \$7 an ounce.

The gold price slump in Europe followed sharp drops in New York late Friday — largely because of falling oil prices — after European markets had closed.

In London, gold was quoted at a late bid price of \$449 a troy ounce today, compared with late Friday's \$456.20.

In Zurich, gold closed at a bid \$448.50 compared with 458 late Friday.

Expected
Dealers said trading on foreign exchange markets was slow as market participants awaited tomorrow's release of the US April trade figures, which were expected to show a widening gap.

"It was a typical day before the release of major figures," said one London dealer. "Most people were just squaring their positions."

In London, the dollar rose against the British pound. It cost

\$1.8165 to buy one pound, cheaper than \$1.8175 late Friday.

Other late dollar rates in Europe, compared with late Friday:

— 1.7241 West German marks, up from 1.7180

— 1.4424 Swiss francs, up from 1.4355

— 5.7265 French francs, down from 5.8040

— 1.9345 Dutch guilders, up from 1.9280

— 1.281.75 Italian lire, up from 1.278.50

— 1.2203 Canadian dollars, up from 1.2191.

The price of gold, a barometer of inflation worries,

"I am very pessimistic," said a Japanese oil trader in Tokyo after OPEC ministers in Vienna said they expected to wrap up a new agreement possibly by as early as tomorrow.

Analysts said this will not give the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries the time needed to tackle complex technical issues it must address if it is to buoy oil prices.

"A rollover (of the current

production agreement) is the best they can do. I hope at least they can do this or the market will collapse," the Japanese trader said.

For those producers or traders who want oil prices to rise, and who argue that production cuts are the only way to push them higher, that is a discouraging prospect.

And in a television interview yesterday evening, UAE Oil Minister Mansour bin Zayed had more discouraging news, suggesting that OPEC is likely to have a hard time even enforcing the quotas it now sets.

Affirm
"They have given us a quota of 948,000 barrels daily. For us this does not mean anything," he told Abu Dhabi Television.

"We are the second-largest petroleum country after Saudi Arabia in terms of reserves and production capacity... we want to reaffirm our adherence to OPEC resolutions apart from the quota," he said.

That could mean less risk of inflation — and investors bailed out of gold.

The price of bullion, seen by many traders as a hedge against inflation, last week soared to its highest levels since January because many investors feared dry weather in the North American grain belt would boost food prices and so rekindle inflation.

But such investors tend to worry even more about oil prices. In other markets, Paris shares dropped 0.98 per cent after President Francois Mitterrand's Socialist Party failed to win an outright national assembly majority in the general election.

Brokers predicted more political uncertainty in France, which has just finished a difficult two-year period of so-called "co-habitation" between Mitterrand and a conservative-dominated assembly.

Share prices closed lower on the London Stock Exchange today amid a bout of jitters ahead of tomorrow's release of US April trade data.

At the end of trading, the FTSE 100-share index was down 11.0 points, or 0.59 per cent, at 1838.8. The intraday low at 1441

GMT was 1833.3, and the intraday high, registered as the market opened for official trading, was 1848.9.

Trading volume was a slight 316.2 million shares, compared with Friday's 497.6 million shares.

The Dow Jones Industrial Average was 0.53 points better at 2102.24 by the end of the London session, having been down about 12 points during the afternoon.

However, London equities were not able to shake off the negative influence of Wall Street.

The US April trade figures were expected to show a slight widening of the trade balance to \$12.2 billion from the revised \$11.95 billion shortfall in March.

One equity analyst said that as prices fell in Wall Street, "people in London started to think: 'What do they know that we don't know about the trade figures?'"

The lack of decisive news from the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries meeting in Vienna and lower gold prices depressed oil and mining stocks.

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French markets unnerved by general election results

PARIS, June 13, (Reuters): French investors were unnerved today after President Francois Mitterrand's Socialist Party failed to win an outright parliamentary majority in yesterday's general election, dealers said.

Investors were also unsettled when the French stockbrokers' association said it had suffered a big trading loss in last October's stock market crash.

Steady
They sold shares, enough to push the Paris Bourse indicator 2.3 per cent lower. But trading was quiet and the indicator ended the day down 1.26 per cent. The franc was steady.

"The market was looking forward to a calm and stable period but it hasn't been granted that stability," said Michel Jollant, senior analyst with Paris brokers DLP James Capel.

"The financial community knows how to count and it is obvious that any (assembly) majority will be fragile," he added.

After two years of so-called 'co-habitation' between Mitterrand and a conservative-dominated assembly, many dealers were hoping for a spell of political calm.

They said financial markets were likely to be volatile in the next few weeks until new political situation becomes clearer.

Affected
Dealers said the bourse was as much affected by news that the stockbrokers' association (Societe des Bourses Francaises) lost 500 million francs (\$85 million) after the October crash when a former employee placed its funds on the fledgling financial futures market.

It was the largest crash-related loss yet reported here.

"The losses will not present a liquidity problem, but they will hurt our image abroad," a broker said.

Finance Minister Pierre Berezgoy has reassured markets since Mitterrand's re-election on May 8 by saying he intends to keep the franc strong and continue the fight against inflation.

France's inflation rate is running at about 2.5 per cent.

Apart from price stability, all parties agree that unemployment and France's poor trade performance will be among the most pressing problems facing the new government.

The Socialist government moved quickly after its election last month to help businesses export more, by lifting exchange controls on corporate currency transactions.

Tackled
Both the Socialists and centre-right agree that the trade deficit and unemployment — now at 10.3 per cent of the workforce — are problems that can only be tackled through a series of gradual reforms.

But they disagree about policy towards state-owned firms.

Centrists would like to see the government sell more state banks and insurers. Mitterrand has said he would stop the wave of privatisations of state companies initiated by former right-wing Prime Minister Jacques Chirac.

Few new policy initiatives expected

Baker offers upbeat assessment of economic summit

WASHINGTON, June 13, (AP): Treasury Secretary James A. Baker III, in an upbeat assessment of the upcoming seven-nation economic summit in Toronto, said the world economy is in better shape now than it has been for any of President Ronald Reagan's previous seven summits.

Because US officials don't want to upset financial markets in the midst of a presidential election campaign and because US allies would prefer to wait and deal with Reagan's successor, few new policy initiatives are expected during the session.

Reports
In a recent interview, Baker also said he won't let widespread reports that he's about to leave his post to join George Bush's Republican presidential campaign distract him from giving his full attention to the economy.

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deregulation, privatisation and tax reform."

Meanwhile, President Reagan, preparing this week for the annual economic summit, hailed US "gains in the world economy as the model for America's trading partners moving toward greater growth and 'away from protectionism'."

Reagan, who departs in a week for the economic gathering in Toronto, was scheduled to address the annual meeting of corporate and business executives of the Atlantic Council later on Wednesday.

On Saturday, he trumpeted US strides in employment, a reduction of taxes and curbing of inflation, as well as increased trade investment in the United States and abroad.

"The United States has been one of the biggest gainers in the global economy," the president noted proudly in his weekly radio address. "It's not surprising that country after country have followed us on the path to greater economic freedom."



H.E. the Ambassador of Sweden to Kuwait, Ulf Norstrom, paid a visit to the General Secretariat of OPEC this morning. He was received by OPEC's acting secretary-general, Abdelaziz Alwatari, who described the activities of the organisation. Discussions also centred on factors influencing the future energy situation world-wide.

The Gulf Bank weekly market report

KD exchange rate slightly firmer

Kuwaiti dinar

BASED on last week's opening middle market foreign exchange rates, Kuwaiti dinar exchange rate was slightly firmer against US dollar ending the week at 275.75 fils compared with its week before last closing of 276.07 fils. Against the pound sterling the dinar was higher ending the week at 499.11 fils compared with its week before last closing of 501.34 fils.

The dinar was slightly easier against the DM ending the week at 160.07 fils compared with its week before last closing of 159.67 fils.

The dinar was also slightly easier against the Swiss franc ending the week at 191.96 fils compared with its week before last closing at 191.43 fils. As against the Jordanian dinar the KD was lower ending the week at 766.61 fils compared with its week before last closing of 757.39 fils. The KD was mostly unchanged against the GCC currencies.

The CBK announced its issue No. 15 for Treasury Bills of KD100 million and one year KD50 million bonds dated 22/6/1988 with interest rate of 6 1/2 per cent annum.

US dollar

The US dollar was mixed over last week against other major currencies. The dollar gathered some momentum recently on relatively high short-term interest rates. But similar moves overseas may claim the dollar less attractive if no discount rate increase emerged.

The US dollar benefitted from Fed Chairman's remarks that a further drop in the dollar would not help US exports. But the dollar lost ground after White House Economic Advisor Beryl Sprinkel said he expects long-term US interest rates to continue to decline.

The market was nervous ahead of release of US April trade data on June 14 which is expected to be between \$12-13.6 billion on an adjusted basis. The new seasonally adjusted figures showed respective deficits of \$153.14 billion in 1986 from \$156.16 billion, \$170.32 billion in 1987 from \$171.22 billion, and first quarter 1988 deficit of \$37.63 billion compared to \$42.08 billion last year.

March deficit on adjusted basis was \$11.95 billion from \$9.75 billion.

Japanese yen

The yen opened the week against the US dollar lower at 125.70/75 but ended higher at 124.80/90 compared to its week before last closing of 126.03/08 yen. The market lacked focus and was dominated by position adjustment ahead of next week's release of US trade data. The yen was supported by Bank of Japan comment that a weaker yen could increase inflationary pressures.

In its recent quarterly survey, the bank said that Japanese corporations are becoming increasingly optimistic about the business outlook buoyed by continuing expansion of domestic demand. As widely expected Japan's trade surplus continued to plunge in May for the 13th consecutive month to an (unadjusted) \$5.05 billion from \$6.42 billion a year.

Deutsche mark

The mark opened the week higher at 1.7130/35 but resumed its decline against the US dollar to end the week at 1.7200/05 against its week before last closing of 1.7326/30 mark. The Bundesbank president Poehl's comments that the mark should not depreciate further underpinned the national currency.

Also news that the Bundesbank sold \$2.2 billion in the first week of June after it sold \$3.4 billion in the last week of May reflected Bundesbank support to the mark although Bundesbank sources asserted that these dollar sales which reduced its net currency reserves should not be seen as intervention but reflected "channelling back" of dollars received from various payments outside the market.

Surprisingly the mark is still weak despite powerful German economy, low inflation and high external surpluses.

The mark was overshadowed by the sterling and other high-yielding currencies.

Pound sterling

The pound sterling recovered a small part of its recent heavy losses, underpinned by higher UK interest rates and a feeling

the pound's sharp fall may have been a little overdone. With UK base lending rates at 8 1/2 per cent the pound is now by far the highest yielding major European currency.

The rate increase has been perceived more as reflecting worries about UK inflationary pressures than as a means of halting the pound's slide.

Although some dealers feel the recent UK base rate rises give the pound the potential to edge back towards its recent highs, others disagree and view the pound as coming to the end of its upward cycle.

French franc

The French franc opened the week against the US dollar at 5.7900/30 francs and closed higher at 5.8085/15 francs compared to its week before last closing at 5.8355/85 francs. French M2 money supply slowed to show year-on-year growth of 2.9 per cent in March from a revised 3.1 per cent in February, well below the target of 4-6 per cent this year.

French industrial production continued buoyant in all sectors in May, with inventories of finished products still below normal levels despite rises since the start of the year.

Swiss franc

The Swiss franc opened the week against the US dollar at 1.4275/85 Swiss francs and closed higher at 1.4380/90 Swiss franc compared to its week before last closing of 1.4400/10.

According to the OECD, inflation in Switzerland is rising as a decline in the value of the Swiss franc pushes up import prices.

Precious metals

Gold
Gold bullion prices opened the week at \$463.60/464.10 and ended the week lower at \$456.45/50 recording losses of \$8.50 compared to its week before last closing of \$464.50/465. In its monthly market report, investment house Kleinwort Greaves said that growing anxieties about a resurgence of inflation are behind the strength in gold prices.

Despite signs monetary policies around the world are being tightened to curb inflationary pressures, it is difficult to ignore surging base metal prices and a rising commodity research bureau index.

Silver bullion prices opened the week at \$7.31/7.33 and closed lower at \$7.15/7.17 losing 17 cents over the previous week's closing of \$7.32/7.34.

Platinum

Platinum prices opened the week at \$611.50/613.50 and closed sharply lower at \$576/580, recording losses of around \$33 compared to its week before last closing of \$610/613.

World Stocks

Wall Street stock prices continued to rally as the market was underpinned by a stronger dollar and bond prices and drop in commodities prices towards end of week. Some programme buying, also pushed the market higher.

The Dow Jones Industrial average opened the week at 2075, reached a high of 2114 before closing at 2101, recording gains of 30 points over the week before last closing of 2071.

Wall Street stocks are seen to have gathered enough momentum to keep rising for at least another couple of weeks, underpinned by the feeling that inflationary pressures are not as bad as has been feared.

Oil Prices

Oil prices fell slightly in the world markets last week. Spot prices for North Sea Brent crude were between \$15.95-16.45 range, compared with \$16.15-16.45 range recorded the week before last. Prices for July cargoes were between \$16.10-16.70 range compared with \$16.50-16.70 range recorded the week before last.

Oil prices are likely to come under more pressures during the coming few weeks should OPEC countries currently meeting in Vienna fail to agree on new second half of this year to achieve stability in oil prices around \$18.

There is little about that achieving this depends also on the extent of co-operation by non-OPEC producers.

Rice developer wins World Food Prize

WASHINGTON, June 13, (Reuters): A researcher instrumental in development of new varieties of rice that have helped avert famine for billions of Asians was named winner of the 1988 World Food Prize yesterday.

Dr Robert Chandler, architect of a worldwide agricultural research network and founder of the International Rice Research Institute, will receive \$200,000 as recipient of the prize.

The World Food Prize, sponsored by the General Foods Fund Inc., was established last year to recognise outstanding contributors to improving the quality, quantity and availability of the food in the world. It is the largest prize of its type.

Chandler founded the International Rice Research Institute in the Philippines (IRRI) in 1960 and directed its research for 12 years.

Saudi Arabia's first issue of bonds to local banks

BAHRAIN, June 13, (Reuters): Saudi Arabia allotted its first issue of government bonds today after its banks bid for 1.5 billion riyals (\$400 million) of debt.

Bankers in the Kingdom said some small to medium-sized banks received all the bonds they bid for, but it was impossible to say whether the issue had been fully subscribed.

Invited

Saudi Monetary Authorities invited offers for one to five-year "development bonds" on Saturday and gave commercial banks until noon today to subscribe to the Kingdom's first major commercial borrowing for 25 years.

The bonds, tailored to Islamic financial principles to avoid problems over a ban on interest or usury, are a cornerstone of Riyadh's economic policy.

They are designed to offset weak oil revenues and finance the bulk of a projected \$3.9-billion (\$9.6-billion) 1988 budget deficit which would otherwise eat up Saudi Arabia's dwindling foreign reserves.

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IN Focus
The world today

AN Orthodox priest meditates away from the crowd during an open air service for the Orthodox Church at Moscow's Danilov Monastery on millenium of the Russian Sunday. (Reuter wirephoto)



MARIA KALININA (centre), 17, who was crowned 'Miss Moscow' in Moscow on Sunday, poses with the two runners-up, Oxana Fandera (right) and Elena Peredreeva. (Reuter wirephoto)



FORMER Prime Minister Raymond Barre arrives at his Parisian headquarters to comment on television the second round of France's general elections on Sunday. (Reuter wirephoto)



SOVIET leader Mikhail Gorbachev greets Cardinal Agostino Casaroli at the Kremlin yesterday. The Cardinal is attending the millenium celebrations of Christianity in the Soviet Union. (Reuter wirephoto)



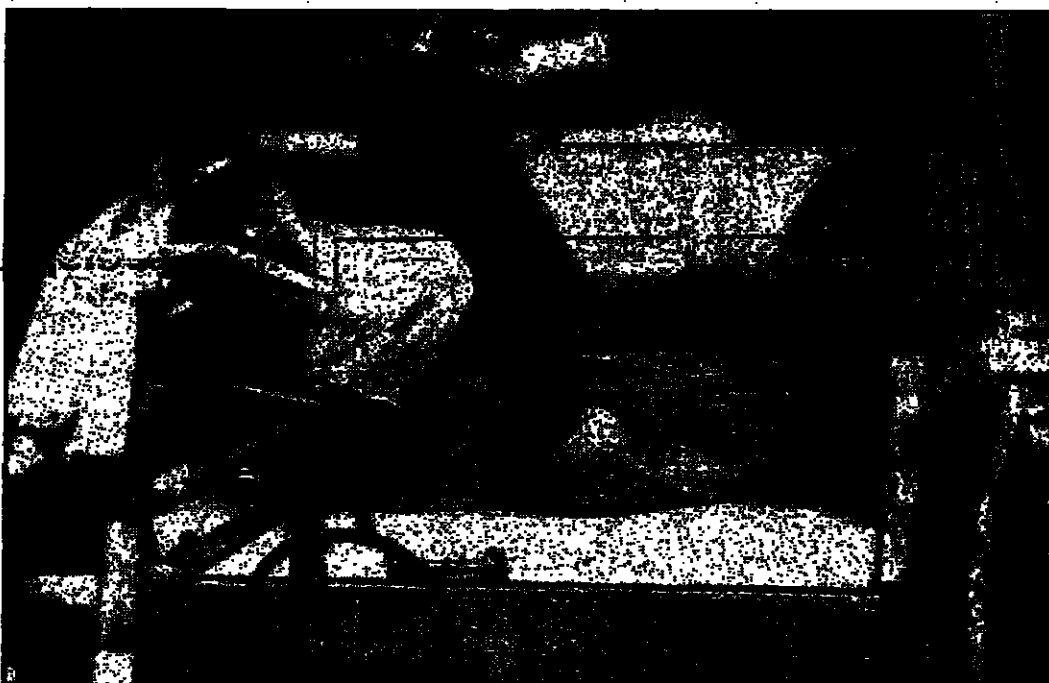
A GROUP of 63 Cypriot women blocked the entrance to Athens' most famous tourist attraction — The Acropolis — protesting against the visit of Turkish Prime Minister Turgut Ozal to Athens yesterday. The women are demonstrating against Ozal because Turkish troops occupied the northern part of Cyprus in 1974 and they had to leave their homes. (Reuter wirephoto)



PRIME MINISTER Turgut Ozal (right) is welcomed by Greek Prime Minister Andreas Papandreu at Athens International Airport. Ozal arrived in Athens yesterday for a three-day official visit, the first by a Turkish premier in 36 years. (Reuter wirephoto)



THE turbine engine of an Argentine Austral airlines DC-9 lies on top of other wreckage after the aircraft crashed on Sunday before starting a landing attempt at the airport in Posadas, some 112 kms north of Buenos Aires. The 22 persons that were aboard the airliner died in the crash. (Reuter wirephoto)



A 'PEDICAB' driver doesn't seem too eager to pedal tourists around the sights of Macao, preferring a nap in the shade as temperatures in the Portuguese territory located near Hong Kong have recently hovered around 32 degrees centigrade. (Reuter wirephoto)



OLIVER TAMBO, president of the African National Congress addresses a crowd of 15,000 anti-apartheid supporters at a Free Nelson Mandela rally in Glasgow on Sunday. The rally is part of a campaign to mark Nelson Mandela's 70th birthday. (Reuter wirephoto)



BRITISH and German soccer fans fight outside the Stuttgart train station after the European Championship soccer match between England and Ireland on Sunday. Police quickly broke up the fights which involved about 30 fans from each side. (Reuter wirephoto)



THAI dealers evaluate gems for sale during the gem and jewellery fair in Bangkok recently. A California-based firm planned to set up a data base in Bangkok to standardise the grading and pricing of coloured stones. (Reuter wirephoto)



FILIPINO activists burn an American flag on Sunday as they try to march near the US embassy but were blocked by riot police. The demonstrators opposed the presence of US military bases in Philippines. (Reuter wirephoto)



NEIL MCKENZIE of Great Britain slides on the ground after falling during the 500cc Austrian motorcycling Grand Prix in Salzburg on Sunday. Eddie Lawson of the United States won the race on Yamaha in front of Didier de Rodriguez of France. American Wayne Rainey finished third. McKenzie was not injured in the accident. (Reuter wirephoto)

ARAB TIMES Classifieds

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HONDA Civic Shuttle, 1984, registered, 1985, automatic, metallic blue air-conditioned, 78,000 kms, regularly serviced, in good condition. Highest offer secures. Tele. Tanweer Hussain, 5620813. (AT3-42726-3)

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HOLDEN '78 model, registered up to 30.3.89, manual, blue, KD 175 ono. Tele. Vaz, 4840950, ext. 247, 7:30 am - 4 pm, 2631475 after 4 pm. (AT3-42752-3)

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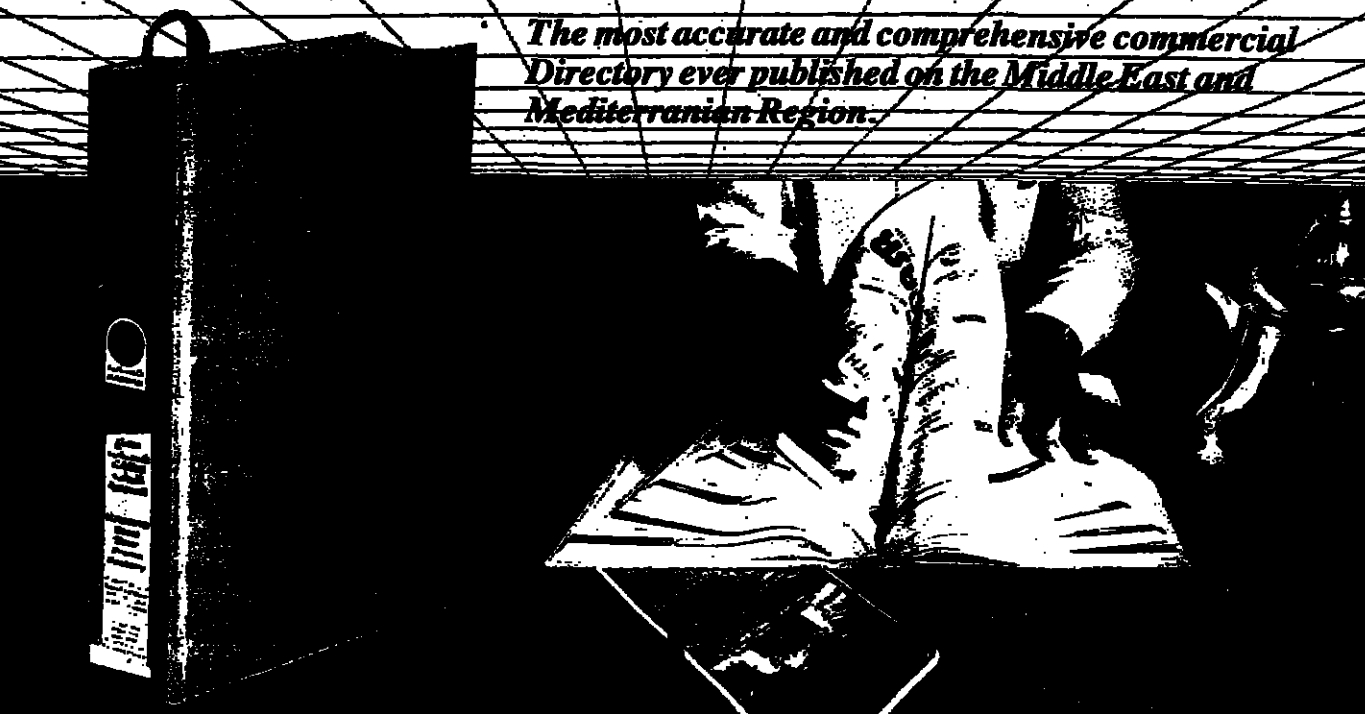
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Atlanta

NEW YORK, June 13, (AP): Six pitchers this season have had eight innings of dreams and one of disappointment.

Houston's Mike Scott provided the latest no-hit saga yesterday when Atlanta's Ken Oberkfell lined a single to right field with two outs in the top of the ninth to ruin the right-hander's shot at the second no-hitter of his career.

Scott then retired Gerald Perry to finish with the one-hitter and a 5-0 victory over the Braves at the Astrodome.

"It's always disappointing when you come so close and don't get it, but at least we got the win," Scott said. "I wanted to get in a lot of innings today because our bullpen needed it."

It was the sixth time this season a pitcher has carried a no-hitter into the ninth inning only to lose it.

The Astros gave Scott the lead with three runs in the first inning off Rick Mahler, 7-6, on Bill Doran's RBI double and run-scoring singles by Bass and Craig Reynolds.

Expos 4, Mets 3

Andres Galarraga tied the score with a three-run homer in the bottom of the ninth and Hubie Brooks singled home Tim Lincecum in the 11th inning as Montreal sent visiting New York to its fifth straight loss. Mets starter Sid Fernandez allowed one hit over the first eight innings.

Cubs 4, Cardinals 3

Greg Maddux became the Major League's first 11-game winner as Chicago defeated St. Louis and swept the three-game series at Busch stadium. Pat Perry bailed Maddux out of a bases-loaded, none-out jam in the ninth inning, allowing only a run.

Padres 5, Dodgers 2

Ed Whitson won his third straight as San Diego defeated Los Angeles for a sweep of the three-game series at Jack Murphy stadium. Carmelo Martinez and Benito Santiago each drove in two runs in the third inning.

Reds 10, Giants 6

Danny Jackson drove in three runs and pitched seven strong innings to lead Cincinnati past San Francisco at Candlestick Park. Tim Lincecum pitched the final two innings for the Reds, yielding a three-run homer to Rusty Tillman with two outs in the ninth.

Yankees 6, Orioles 5

Claude Washington's single over Baltimore's drawn-in outfield drove home the winning run with one out in the ninth inning as New York beat the Orioles for the second straight day. Cecilio Guante, 4-2, got the win despite allowing Eddie Murray's game-tying, two-run homer in the eighth.

Results			
American League			
New York	6	Baltimore	5
Detroit	5	Cleveland	4
Boston	8	Toronto	2
Milwaukee	6	Chicago	4
Kansas City	6	California	2
Minnesota	3	Seattle	2
Texas	6	Oakland	2
National League			
Montreal	4	New York	3
Philadelphia	4	Pittsburgh	4
Chicago	4	St. Louis	3
Houston	5	Atlanta	2
San Diego	5	Los Angeles	2
Cincinnati	10	San Francisco	6

HAGLER BIDS FAREWELL TO BOXING

Kalambay retains middleweight title

RAVENNA, Italy, June 13, (Reuters): Sumbu Kalambay gave a spectacular exhibition of boxing technique on Sunday to outpoint powerful challenger 'Rockin' Robbie Sims of the United States and retain his World Boxing Association (WBA) middleweight title.

Zaire-born Italian Kalambay, 32, making his second title defence since winning the middleweight crown last October from new WBC champion Iran Barkley, never let the American into the fight and the judges, two Panamanians and one Danish, awarded him the fight unanimously at the end of the 12-round contest.

Kalambay parried and jabbed stealthily through the opening rounds, using fast footwork to avoid Sims' heavy right hand.

Managed

Sims, 28, younger brother of former world middleweight champion Marvellous Marvin Hagler, managed a couple of useful punches in the second round, but afterwards took all the punishment.

Kalambay attacked and retreated with athletic dexterity, raining flurries of blows on Sims that would have felled a less resilient and determined opponent.

Sims never gave up, reacting forcefully each time he was hit but failing to make his punches



Hagler (right) raises Kalambay's arm after the fight. (Reuters wirephoto)

count.

Hagler, elegantly dressed in evening clothes, leapt to his feet to shout encouragement and advice, but Sims, whose defeat was only his fifth in 36 professional fights, was outclassed.

"I pushed more and used my right more, trying not to let him in," a cheerful Kalambay said after the fight. It was his 45th win in 48 matches. In March, he successfully defended his title with a point victory over Jamaican Mike McCallum.

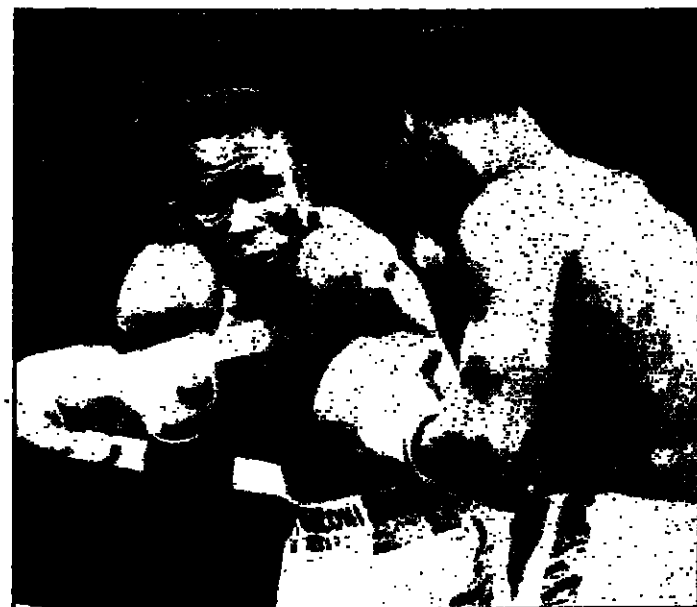
Italian newspapers have speculated that Hagler, absent

from the ring since losing his title to Sugar Ray Leonard 14 months ago, might be Kalambay's next challenger.

But the big American told ring-side reporters he would not return to boxing, preferring to pursue a career in acting and advertising promotions.

"My heart says yes, but my brain says no," Hagler said when asked about his boxing future in a television interview beamed back live to the United States.

"I'd like to leave the game with all my faculties, with my health and some of my good looks,"



Kalambay (right) in action against Sims. (Reuters wirephoto)

said Hagler, his trademark clean-shaven head glistening under the lights. "I'm saying goodbye to boxing. I'm going to retire and go into the movies."

Hagler, 34, said he was leaving with some reluctance, and with a bad taste in his mouth over his controversial defeat to Sugar Ray Leonard in his final fight.

"It still bothers me," Hagler said about his April 1987 fight with Leonard, who came out of retirement and snatched away

his title in one of the most shocking results in memory.

"I felt in my heart that I won my last fight, but it would probably be a year before anything could possibly come off again with Leonard and I have to think of my future."

Before losing to Leonard, Hagler had gone 11 years without a defeat and leaves the ring with a career record of 62 wins against three defeats and two draws.

Drechsler sets season's best times

EAST BERLIN, June 13, (Reuters): Heike Drechsler may have lost her world long jump record over the weekend, but the East German clocked two season's best sprint times which she hopes will help her regain the record.

At meetings in Karl-Marx-Stadt and Dresden, other East German women set best marks for the year in the 400 metres hurdles, 1,500 metres and 100 metres relay.

Surging

Ike Wiyuda improved her junior world discus record by 10 cms to 71.98 metres.

Drechsler, 23, overcame rain in Dresden on Saturday with an explosive start in the 100 metres, surging ahead of twice world champion Silke Möller and Marlies Göhr to win in 10.92 seconds.

This equalled Bulgarian Aneliya Nuneva's best time of the season so far.

Yesterday in a brighter but

windy Karl-Marx-Stadt, Drechsler, an optical instrument maker, provided another precision performance in the 200 metres.

Her time of 21.99 seconds was just 0.18 seconds outside the world record she holds jointly with her legendary retired compatriot Marita Koch.

Drechsler, who shared the world long jump record of 7.45 metres with American Jackie Joyner-Kersey, was battling in Dresden when she heard about the 7.52-metre leap by the Soviet Union's Galina Chistyakova in Leningrad.

"A new world record was certainly to be expected, although perhaps not quite so early in the season," Drechsler said.

"Chistyakova's world record and big jump by Jackie Joyner-Kersey have a good side — they free me from the burden of always going into a competition as favourite," she said.

"The sprint times show me

that I have become even faster. Now I have to convert this speed into longer jumps. Also I have to improve the accuracy of my take-off from the board."

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Lakers beat Pistons for series lead

PONTIAC, Mich., June 13, (Reuters): James Worthy got the Lakers off to a winning start over the Pistons on Sunday as AC Green supplied the defensive difference as Los Angeles stunned the Detroit Pistons 99-86 yesterday to take a two games to one championship series lead.

The Lakers, hoping to become the first team in nearly two decades to repeat as champions, held a narrow 47-46 lead at the half but outscored their hosts by 31-18 in the third quarter to seize control of the game.

Starred

Worthy, who scored 12 points in the third-quarter surge, led Los Angeles with 24 points and nine rebounds, and Earvin 'Magic' Johnson, who starred as a schoolboy and college player

near here, passed out 14 assists and scored 18 points.

Green, who scored 21, shut down Pistons centre Bill Laimbeer, who failed to score a single point after his first-half haul of 10.

The victory, taken before a disappointed crowd of 38,000 at the Pontiac Silverdome, swung the home court advantage back to the Lakers.

The next two games are scheduled for tomorrow and Thursday in the Pontiac Silverdome, with games 6 and 7, if necessary, scheduled for the forum in Los Angeles.

The only bright spot for the Pistons, who appeared in good position after splitting the first two games in Los Angeles, was

the performance of guard Isiah Thomas who had 28 points, 20 of them coming in the second half.

Adrian Dantley, who had 34 in the first game, was limited to 14.

Not only were the Pistons trailing by 78-64 at the end of the third quarter but they were without coach Chuck Daly, who was ejected for arguing a pair of calls by the referee.

"We didn't play. We just plain didn't play," Daly said. "You've got to give them credit. We live on our defence and we had no defence. I don't understand why we came out flat."

Johnson said everything clicked for the Lakers.

"We got out, we got the rebounds, we got the fast break working, we got easy layups."

Perth abandons Olympics bid

PERTH, Australia, June 13, (AP): The city of Perth has abandoned its bid to host the 1996 Olympic Games but will target the 1998 Commonwealth Games instead, Western Australian state premier Peter Dowding said today.

"It's an important opportunity and it is our view that Perth can provide, at a reasonable cost, the sort of facilities that are required for the Games," he said.

The state government said several weeks ago that Perth might join Sydney, Melbourne and Brisbane in bidding for the 1996 Olympics.

Those three cities still are in the running.

Wishes he'd never beaten me on number one court at Wimbledon.

The pressure will not be the same this year. In 1985 no-one expected me to win, so I was relaxed throughout. 1986 was hell because I had to show my first Wimbledon win was no fluke.

"Retaining the title proved to me that I was there to stay 1987 was a disappointment... no more, I'll be under no particular strain when Wimbledon begins next Monday."

"Naturally I'll be excited the first time I play on the centre court — if you're not excited, you shouldn't be there."

Ederberg, twice winner of the Australian title on grass, will be one of the main threats to Becker's ambitions of a third crown, but there appears to be something lacking in his game and personality.

Tones

The 22-year-old Swede's forehead is notoriously untrustworthy, and his good-natured tones give lie to his warlike offerings.

"Losing Queen's will make me all the more eager to beat him the next time we play," said Ederberg with as much venom as he can muster.

That said, defending champion Cash, world number one Ivan Lendl, and Australian and French title-holder Mats Wilander will need no reminding Bjorn Borg won five Wimbledon crowns without ever competing at Queen's.



Ballesteros chips out of a sand trap during the playoff. (Reuters wirephoto)

Ballesteros wins playoff for Westchester crown

HARRISON, N.Y., June 13, (Reuters): Seve Ballesteros of Spain sank a five-foot birdie putt on the first hole of sudden death to beat three other golfers in a playoff for the \$700,000 Westchester Classic title yesterday.

Ballesteros, who entered the final round three shots back, put himself in a winning frame of mind for the upcoming US Open championship by claiming the \$126,000 first prize.

Ballesteros, Australian Greg Norman, South African David Frost and third-round leader Ken Green of the US all birdied the 72nd and final regulation hole to finish at eight-under 276, but only Ballesteros birdied the 314-yard playoff hole.

Carded

Norman shot a blistering 64 in the final round, while Ballesteros carded a 67, Frost 68 and Green shot 70.

For the Spaniard, it was his first victory on the US tour since 1985 when he won in New Orleans. Ballesteros, who won

'Devil's Triangle' awaits golfers at US championship

BROOKLINE, Mass., June 13, (Reuters): Three holes which might be called the 'Devil's Triangle' could prove as notorious in this week's US Open golf championship as 'Amen Corner' in the US Masters.

The 11th, 12th and 13th holes at the Augusta National Golf Club, permanent home of the Masters, have proved to be decisive over the years with the title not considered safe until the leaders have come safely through the tricky stretch.

The same run of holes at the Country Club in Brookline, Massachusetts, site of this year's US open which begins on Thursday, could also prove to be the most important of the tournament.

Dropped

Briton Sandy Lyle almost lost this year's Masters when he dropped three strokes on two holes at Amen Corner. Only two remarkable birdies on the 16th and 18th holes gave him the championship in April.

This year's Open champion will also have to negotiate three such holes just waiting to ruin him.

The Country Club actually has 27 holes and the Open course has borrowed from each nine.

The 11th hole, the first leg of the Devil's Triangle, is really a composite of two holes, the first and second of the club's primrose nine.

The hole starts off at the tee of a short par four and, 453 yards later, ends at the tiny green of a par three, making it the longest par four of the championship.

Distance will be important here, too, as the small green is fronted by a pond waiting for anyone who hits short.

The 11th earned its notoriety in the 1963 US Open when the legendary Arnold Palmer made three triple bogeys there, including one during the playoff he lost to Julius Boros.

Survivors of the 11th will then face what many predict will be the toughest hole in this year's Open, the 450-yard 12th, which usually plays as a par five but will be a par four for the world's best players.

The 12th also promises to be

the most controversial hole of the championship. Some 320 yards from the tee the fairway suddenly turns into a 30-foot high bluff before it continues on.

It will be just about impossible to reach the upper fairway with a drive — and not even the flagstick, much less the green, can be seen from the lower level.

Ordered

In order to avoid the complete wrath of the competitors, tournament officials have ordered 12-foot flagsticks — more than twice the normal length — to allow players a better chance of glimpsing the pin from the lower level.

After those two holes, the 13th offers a breather — unless shots have been dropped and players are looking to take chances in a bid to recover.

Opting for distance off the tee, players will have to avoid a big pond — known as the Country Club as the skating pond — which lurks dangerously along the right side of the fairway, which doglegs slightly to the right.

The holes at the 106-year-old club have undergone many changes over the years, but this year's Open course has been set up to resemble as much as possible the course used for the 1913 Open.

It was at that Open 75 years ago that a young former caddy at the club, Francis Ouimet, put the United States on the golfing map by winning an 18-hole playoff against two of the game's greatest players, British professionals Ted Ray and Harry Vardon.

One of the most important holes in Ouimet's totally unexpected victory over the distinguished visitors was the 17th, which today remains virtually the same as it was then.

Birdie

Using hickory shaft clubs, playing in a chill rain and needing a birdie on one of the last three holes to tie for the championship, the 20-year-old Ouimet snatched the one he needed on the 17th.

"He played two well nigh perfect shots but was still left with a downhill, curling putt," the great British golf writer Bernard Darwin wrote at the time.

MOTOR RACING

Strength in depth pays off for Jaguar

LE MANS, France, June 13, (Reuters): When Jaguar return to Le Mans for the 24-hour sports car classic next year, it looks certain they will arrive in strength once more.

The most striking lesson to emerge yesterday from their first Le Mans victory in 31 years was the wisdom of bringing five cars. Last year they took three and started favourites. Two broke down and the third finished fifth, 400 kms behind Briton Derek Bell's Porsche.

This weekend Jaguar again had their problems. Two cars — including their top one — pulled out, one spent a considerable time in the pits before finishing 16th and the other came in fourth seven laps, or about 150 kms behind the winner.

Almost as if by the law of averages, one of the Jaguars enjoyed a trouble-free run so that Dutchman Jan Lammers and his two British co-drivers were able to put the famous manufacturer back on the map.

That delighted the huge British contingent making its annual pilgrimage to the track.

Support

It was also a great relief to the Jaguar camp who had sent 14 drivers and a support staff of 11, a huge investment by any standards.

The reward came when Lammers concluded an outstanding drive by crossing the line officially two minutes 36 seconds ahead of West German Klaus Ludwig, co-driving with compatriot Hans-Joachim Stuck and Bell.

In the super-charged atmosphere of the final lap, Lammers slowed down to finish alongside another Jaguar.

The crowd rushed onto the circuit in emotional scenes and Lammers even had to swerve at one stage to avoid an over-keen fan seen kissing the track.

It was a thoroughly deserved victory by Jaguar in the most demanding of races, denying Porsche their eighth win a row.

Lammers, 32, set up the win in the first 35 minutes with an aggressive drive from sixth place on the grid which helped to take him and his teammates in a lead they held for the first six hours.

Frenchman Bob Wollek took over as darkness fell but a broken water-pipe put their Porsche out of the race so that the final 12 hours belonged to Lammers and British co-drivers Johnny Dumfries and Andy Wallace.

Becker dreads another Doohan figure



Becker with his trophy after winning at Queen's Club yesterday. (Reuters wirephoto)

LONDON, June 13, (Reuters): "Send for Peter Doohan"... four words which may echo round the hallowed corridors of the All England club next week.

For on the evidence of Boris Becker's most recent court appearances, it will take the intervention of an outsider playing above himself to deprive the West German of a third Wimbledon title.

Men's singles champion at Wimbledon in 1985 and 1986, Becker demonstrated with his third triumph in four years at the London Grasscourt Tournament yesterday that he remains the greatest modern player on the surface despite the claims of Pat Cash.

Stretcher

Becker's first trip to Wimbledon as a 16-year-old in 1984 ended in painful frustration when he was carried out of his third-round match on a stretcher after suffering a leg injury against American Bill Scanlon.

But the following year marked the beginning of a triumphant 24-month reign which ended in stunning circumstances last June when the West German was downed by the previously unheralded Doohan, who has now returned to the anonymity from which he came.

Having beaten Sweden's Stefan Edberg yesterday to win at the Queen's Club for the third time, Becker had every right to sound confident as he looked forward to the start of the Wimbledon Championships on June 20.

"It's my lair, the other players enter it at their peril," he growled theatrically.

Both Becker and Edberg, whom he beat 6-1 3-6 6-3 in a fluctuating final, appreciate the relevance of the Queen's Club event, the traditional curtain-raiser to Wimbledon.

Since 1946, 22 players have contested the final at Queen's, then gone on to appear in the men's singles final at Wimbledon three weeks later — 14 of them claiming the ultimate prize in tennis.

The Queen's Club finalists who have been Wimbledon champions in the same year are: Becker (1985), John McEnroe (1983, 1984), Jimmy Connors (1982), McEnroe (1981), John Newcombe (1967, 1970, 1971), Roy Emerson (1964, 1965) Rod Laver (1962), Frank Sedgeman (1952), Ted Schroeder (1949) and Bob Falkenburg (1948).

"I'm where I want to be," continued Becker, ranked seventh in the world but without peers on the lightning quick centre court at Wimbledon. "I'm actually a better player than 12 months ago, but I am only human and it's conceivable that another Doohan is lying in wait."

Since last year, Becker has taken on shrewd Australian Bob Brett as coach and is certain in his own mind that he will not be caught unawares a second time.

"It was nice to see Doohan setting out on foot for the same tube station as last year when I was leaving Queen's by car," said Becker. "He now admits he

SPORTS

MIDFIELDER RATS SCORES ONLY GOAL

Soviets surprise favoured Dutch



Rats (left) kicks the ball away from Gullit in the first half. (Reuters wirephoto)

COLOGNE, West Germany, June 13. (Reuters): The Soviet Union scored an unexpected 1-0 victory over the highly-fancied Netherlands to complete a day of upsets in Group Two of the European Soccer Championship finals yesterday.

The Soviet Union followed the example of Ireland, 1-0 conquerors of England in Stuttgart, and overcame the Dutch with a superb 54th minute goal by midfielder Vasily Rats.

The Soviet side had for the first half looked a pale shadow of the team which excited fans in the 1986 Mexico World Cup, as the Dutch swarmed forward on waves of attack.

But they returned after the interval with more of their customary vigour and were soon rewarded by a goal set up by 1986 European Footballer of the Year, Igor Belanov, who made little impression in the first half, had already signalled danger in the 52nd minute when he slipped the ball through the legs of Dutch defender Adrie van Tiggelen only for his shot to be blocked by goalkeeper Hans van Breukelen.

He was given too much space again on the right, crossed square this time for the incoming Rats, who met it first time and crashed his shot into the far corner.

The Dutch searched in vain for an equaliser but could not penetrate the solid Soviet defence. The Dutch looked set to overwhelm their opponents in the first half, cheered on by 40,000 fans who turned the Muegensdorferstadion into a sea of orange with their banners, scarves and caps.

Captain Ruud Gullit, the reigning European Footballer of the Year, created chances and the irrepressible Roland Koeman came desperately close with shots from the deep. The Soviet Union included nine Dynamo Kiev players in their starting line-up but their play bore little resemblance in the first half to the swagger with which they won the European Cup-Winners' Cup in such breath-taking style two years ago.

They appeared particularly tentative, doubtless aware that headlong attack had proved their undoing in the past, and threatened only minimal danger

in sporadic counter-attacks.

But, encouraged by their goal, they played with more adventure as the Dutch began to lose the self-belief which had fuelled them before the interval.

The Dutch did all the pressing before the break, with Gullit popping up everywhere, Gerald Vandenburg creative on the right of midfield and Koeman ready to burst out of defence.

The blond central defender nearly broke the deadlock in the 19th minute when his fierce shot was on target but Soviet goalkeeper Rinat Dasayev, one day short of his 31st birthday, tipped it over the bar.

He repeated the treatment in the 62nd minute when Dasayev could congratulate himself once again for tipping another thunderbolt over the top. Dasayev turned the trick again nine minutes later, this time against a shot by Jan Wouters, who had received a ball punched out by the Soviet goalkeeper.

Gullit came tantalisingly close three minutes before the interval when the ball bobbed dangerously in the Soviet area, but his last touch at the left post was just outside.

Spain and Italy seek to reach semifinals

FRANKFURT, West Germany, June 13. (Reuters): The experience of Spain and the youth of Italy clash tomorrow night in a match that could decide which of the two reaches the semifinals of the European Soccer Championship finals.

"Whoever wins here is in the semifinals," Italian coach Azeglio Vicini said. "It will be a game between two sides of equal ability. Italy and Spain play technically and tactically very similarly."

"Some people say that Spain are coming to the end of the line — we'll see," said Giuseppe Bergomi, captain of an Italian team in which he, with 47 international appearances, is the only first-choice player who can be called a veteran.

Rebuilding Still only 24, Bergomi played in Italy's 1982 World Cup winning team in Spain, two years after Spain and Italy last met in a goalless draw during the 1980 European Championship finals in Italy.

The young Italian team is rebuilding with a view to hosting the 1990 World Cup finals. Spain have a wealth of experience.

Cosch Miguel Munoz' only injury worry concerns Spain's most capped player, captain Jose Antonio Camacho.

Team doctors doubt whether the 33-year-old defender will recover in time from a shoulder injury, but Camacho himself has an iron constitution and will do anything not to miss his 81st cap in a tournament expected to be his international swansong.

Camacho suffered the injury in Spain's 3-2 victory over Denmark last Saturday which put the Spaniards, beaten finalists in the last European Championship four years ago, at the top of Group One.

Italy drew 1-1 with West Germany in the opening group



Bergomi (right): only veteran match the previous night.

The star of Spain's win over Denmark, midfielder Michel, used the rest days between matches to sign a new multi-million dollar deal that will keep him at Real Madrid until 1996.

After a training session at Frankfurt's Wald stadium, Vicini announced he would field the same team as started against West Germany — the only doubt being whether midfielder Fernando de Napoli recovers in time from an ankle injury.

"We've got to do more than play well, we've also got to get a good result — and that's what I expect from our team," Vicini said.

"We want to win. At the end of the game, perhaps a draw might also be a good result but we will be playing to win."

The Spanish squad were due to train at the stadium this evening.

Italy: Walter Zenga, Giuseppe Bergomi, Paolo Maldini, Franco Baresi, Riccardo Ferri, Carlo Ancelotti, Roberto Donadoni, Fernando de Napoli (or Luigi de Agostini), Gianluca Vialli, Giuseppe Giannini, Roberto Mancini.

Olsen may miss crucial game against W.Germany

GELSENKIRCHEN, West Germany, June 13. (Reuters): Danish captain Morten Olsen, at 38 the oldest player in the European Championship finals could miss tomorrow's vital Group One clash with hosts West Germany because of giddy spells.

Olsen, who suffered from giddiness before and during Saturday's 3-2 defeat by Spain, would lose the chance to become the first Danish player to win 100 caps if he cannot play.

The grand old warrior, one of the chief inspirations behind the Danish soccer fairy tale of the 1980s, made his 97th appearance for his country against Spain.

Olsen retires from international soccer after the championship so he needs Denmark to reach the semifinals and to play in each of the next three games to make his century.

"I shouldn't have played against Spain," Olsen said. "I had a terrible headache and I was seeing everything double. As things are now, I wouldn't be able to play against West Germany but I hope and believe it will be better Tuesday." Denmark badly need a fit

Olsen and a victory to preserve their hopes of making the last four but they are up against a West German side also intent on capturing both points.

The West Germans, who started the tournament as favourites, were lucky to come away from the opening match with a 1-1 draw against a clearly superior young Italian team.

Team manager Franz Beckenbauer insisted his side could and would raise their game. "I'm convinced we will play better against Denmark — we must if we are to reach the semifinals," he said. "There were a lot of individual mistakes in our first match but if everyone produces his best form, things will be very different."

Beckenbauer has told work-horse midfielder Wolfgang Roloff that he will come into the side with Thomas Berthold the most likely candidate to step down. For Denmark, Olsen's namesake Lars Olsen — no relation — is standing by and trainer Sepp Piontek may have to ring the changes if midfielder John Helt and stopper Ivan Nielsen do not recover from knocks received on Saturday.

Ambrose to play for Northants

NORTHAMPTON, England, June 13. (Reuters): West Indies fast bowler Curtly Ambrose yesterday agreed to join English county Northamptonshire on a two-year contract starting next season.

The 24-year-old Antiguan was due to join Northants this year before being selected for West Indies.

The announcement came as Ambrose made his first appearance at Northampton, for the West Indians in their three-day match against his future team-mates.

Northants secretary-manager Steve Coverdale said: "We feel sure he will be a major attraction as well as a matchwinner for us." West Indian Winston Davis and Australian paceman Dennis Lillee are Northants overseas players this year.

W. Indies draw

NORTHAMPTON, England, June 13. (Reuters): Northamptonshire and West Indies drew their three-day cricket match on the final day today.

Scores: West Indies 288 and 345 for eight declared, Northamptonshire 232.

SPORTS BRIEFS

Kuwait Open

THE Kuwaiti Judo and Taekwondo Federation announced yesterday that the fifth Kuwait Open Taekwondo Championship will be held on June 19-21. The final rounds will be held on Tuesday, June 21 at 4.30 pm. The chairman of the Kuwait Olympic Committee, Sheikh Salman Homoud Al Sabah will patronise the championship.

Cheng wins

ROCHESTER, N.Y., June 13. (Reuters): Mei Che Cheng of Taiwan captured her first LPGA victory by defeating Americans Nancy Lopez and Patty Sheehan in a playoff for the Rochester International Golf Tournament title yesterday.

Soccer violence

DUESSELDORF, West Germany, June 13. (Reuters): West German police were today bracing themselves for more soccer violence following a weekend of fighting in which 107 fans were detained and one man was badly injured.

Yugoslav soccer

BELGRADE, June 13. (Reuters): Belgrade's Red Star ended a four-year wait for the Yugoslav Soccer Championship when they won their 16th title with a 2-2 draw at Sutjeska Niksic in the last round of this season's matches yesterday.

Soccer friendly

FORT WORTH, Texas, June 13. (AP): Goalie Jeff Duback stopped seven shots as the USA national team battled Ecuador to a scoreless tie in the sixth game of the US team's 14-game tour across the nation as a prelude to the Olympics.

Title contender

STUTTGART, West Germany, June 13. (Reuters): Irish captain Frank Stapleton believes his team's historic victory over England yesterday has made them serious contenders for the title of European champions.

Chess tourney

BELFORT, France, June 13. (AP): Play begins tomorrow in a three-week-long tournament counting toward the World Chess Cup featuring world champion Garry Kasparov and Anatoly Karpov, the man he dethroned.

W. German team

DUESSELDORF, West Germany, June 13. (Reuters): Former East German Wolfgang Schmidt was named today in the West German team for the first ever East-West Germany athletics international next weekend.

British Open

LONDON, June 13. (Reuters): American Scott Simpson, who on Thursday opens his defence of the US Open golf title at Brookline, Mass., will be the one notable absentee from next month's British Open Championship.

China triumph

BEIJING, June 13. (UPI): China survived a strong challenge by long-time rival Japan to win the men's team final while the Chinese women's team coasted to victory over South Korea in play yesterday at the China Open Table Tennis Championships in Guangzhou.

Title fight

LONDON, June 13. (Reuters): England's Sammy Reeson will defend his European cruiserweight title against Mauritania-born Taoufik Balboul in Paris on August 6, a spokesman for the boxer said today.

Motocross title

BEURN, West Germany, June 13. (Reuters): Dave Strijbos of the Netherlands stepped up his challenge for the world 125cc motocross title by winning both races in the eighth round of the championship yesterday.

Legends tennis

NEWPORT, Rhode Island, June 13. (AP): Stan Smith beat his long-time friend and doubles partner Bob Lutz 6-2, 5-7, 6-4, yesterday to win the men's over-35 singles championship at the \$135,000 first Tournament of Legends at the International Tennis Hall of Fame.

Cycling classic

SAN RAFAEL, California, June 13. (AP): Tom Schuler of the 7-Eleven cycling team won the Subaru Cycling Classic 40-mile (64-km) criterium race, edging last week's Philadelphia race winner, Roberto Gaggioli of Italy, in a field sprint finish.

BRIDGE

SHERATON Bridge Club game will be held today at the Messilah Beach Hotel instead of the Sheraton Hotel.

England must beat Dutch to stay in tournament

DUESSELDORF, West Germany, June 13. (Reuters): England, humbled by outsiders Ireland, attempted to lift themselves today in time for Wednesday's crucial European Championship clash with the Netherlands.

"We had a bad start. We can't change the result," England manager Bobby Robson said. "We know we have to win on Wednesday. The Dutch have to do the same. Whoever loses is out of the competition, so we've got a big match ahead of us — both teams."

"I was disappointed with our performance in the first half. But we were going like a steam-train at the end of the match. They were flagging, we just ran out of time," Robson said. Several scoring opportunities fell to ace marksman Gary Lineker, but for once the Barcelona striker, who has scored 26 times in his 33 games for England, could not provide the decisive final touch.

"In the second half we had a lot of chances but the ball didn't run for us. It was just one of those days. Hopefully fortunes will turn when we play the Dutch on Wednesday," Lineker said.

Defence Skipper Bryan Robson agreed. "In the second half we cut the Irish defence open a few times. If we had had the run of the ball we could have scored three or four goals," he said.

But the England captain said Lineker had been made to shoulder too much of the responsibility for goals.

"A lot of pressure is put on Gary to score goals for us. In general, more pressure should be taken off Gary by the rest of the team," he said.

"He usually does the business. We're relying on Gary, but it hasn't got to be like that. We've got to share the blame for the lack of goals at the moment."

Bobby Robson concurred. "If you augment Lineker's prowess with other people, you're on a good wicket. You know that on another day he'll poke two in with his eyes closed," he said.

Aouita's time for two miles changed

RABAT, June 13. (Reuters): Said Aouita's time for a two-mile race in Casablanca on Saturday has been officially changed to eight minutes 14.05 seconds, a Moroccan athletics official said today, outside the world best originally announced.

On Saturday it was announced that Aouita had clocked a hand-timed eight minutes 13.09 seconds, bettering his own world best of 8:13.45.

The electronic timing had broken down when an interloper walked through the finish line before the race had finished.

But today Royal Moroccan Athletics Federation chairman Abdelrahman Medkouri said officials and organisers had examined photo-finish records of the race and agreed that Aouita had won the race in 8:14.05.

Moroccan Aouita holds the 1,500 and 5,000 metres world record and is world and Olympic champion over 5,000.

36 drivers to take part in Jordan Rally

By Gail Seery in Amman

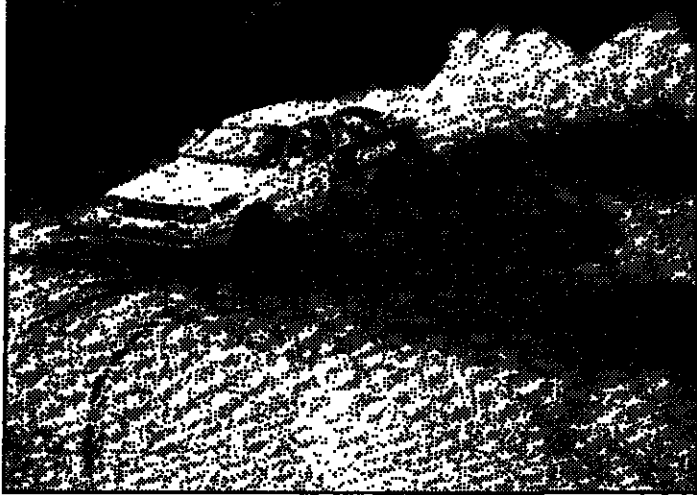
THIRTY-SIX cars are expected to start tomorrow's Rothmans-sponsored Jordan Rally, which is making its second bid for World Championship status.

Twenty-one drivers come from the Kingdom of Jordan, including Prince Abdullah, and last year's highest placed local, Hani Bishara. The next largest group of competitors are from Kuwait, with Ali Al Barami, Ahmed Al Nasser, Sarkis Sourjian, Lester Featherstonehaugh and Mohammed Jarrar all expected to take part.

Other drivers are from Britain, Lebanon, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Sweden, Syria, UAE and West Germany. A total of fourteen Group B cars are competing in the event, from four different countries of origin.

There are a number of small changes to the format of this year's event. There will be considerably more tarmac driving this year, and the new maximum lateness of 30 minutes per leg could effectively mean that any car which has major problems is likely to be forced out of the rally. In the past the lateness allowed was 30 minutes per time control.

The rally starts from the Roman Amphitheatre in the cen-



Llewellyn in an earlier rally.

tre of Amman at 4 pm tomorrow afternoon. The cars will head up to the north of the city, and compete over 9 special stages, representing a total distance covered that night of 279.29 kms. Cars are expected to start arriving back at the Amman Marriott in the small hours of the morning. The rally resumes at 7 am on Thursday, this time winding itself down towards Petra in the south, with tired drivers returning to base after twelve hours of driving. Friday sees the last day of the event, which restarts at 8 am, and finishes back at the Marriott at 4.15 pm.

A total distance of 1294.74

kms, comprising some 415.27 kms of special stages will be covered during the three-day event. There are 37 stages in all, 26 of which will be covered in daylight. Only thirteen are the same as last year, and organisers had to say goodbye to one of the most photographed stages of the rally, when a large portion of the river stage was washed away.

Competing alongside the region's established drivers will be Welshman David Llewellyn, an A-seeded driver making his Middle Eastern debut at the wheel of Saeed Al Hajri's practice rally car, which formerly belonged to Jaber Al Marri of

Qatar. This will be a rare return to Group B rallying for Llewellyn who took an impressive seven-minute victory over local drivers in the 1987 Cyprus rally.

Not that Llewellyn will be having things all his own way. He does not arrive in Jordan until today, as he, and his team of mechanics have been participating in the Scottish rally where problems forced him back to eleventh place. He visited Jordan earlier in the month to complete some much needed practice, but with Hajri experiencing car problems, time looks very short for the team.

As reported in yesterday's Arab Times, Al Hajri blew the engine in his practice car, and lost much valuable practice opportunity. The team needs to replace the engine so that Llewellyn can compete in the rally. The engine is currently tied up in customs at the airport.

Bristol GP

BRISTOL, England, June 13. (Reuters): Peter Doohan, the Australian outsider who ended Boris Becker's hopes of a third successive Wimbledon title last year, withstood another big-serving rival in the opening round of the Bristol Grand Prix tennis tournament today.

Although Briton James Turner banged 13 service aces past him, Doohan still won 6-4 6-3.

Turner, whose cannon-ball serving impressed Ivan Lendl when the world number one practised here at the weekend, was far too erratic.

Navratilova reaches 2nd round

EASTBOURNE, England, June 13. (Reuters): Martina Navratilova, who will be trying to win Wimbledon for a record ninth time when the tournament starts next Monday, began her grasscourt preparations in impressive style at the Eastbourne Women's Tennis Championship today.

Navratilova, as always at her best on grass, raced into the second round by beating French qualifier Alexis Dechaume 6-0 6-2. She gave her luckless opponent no chance by serving and volley-

ing with all her usual power and confidence.

In 1987 Navratilova won her eighth Wimbledon singles title — and sixth in a row — and will be seeking to become the first player to be women's champion nine times at this year's event.

At present she shares the record with American Helen Wills Moody, who won the title eight times in nine attempts between 1924 and 1938.

Monique Javer, who was born and raised in California but has opted to play for Britain, beat

Nicole Provis of Australia 6-1 6-0 in 39 minutes in a surprisingly one-sided match.

Provis was a semifinalist at the French Open in Paris and last year, with Darren Cahill, reached the mixed doubles final at Wimbledon.

Javer dominated the contest from start to finish losing only the third game. She conceded just 29 points in the entire match.

"I did not have a real plan today but I just wanted to play well. I knew I would have to do that to beat her," said Javer.

Weston sends Hampshire crashing for 45

LONDON, June 13. (Reuters): Hampshire crashed to 45 all out as Worcestershire all-rounder Martin Weston snapped up four for 11, his best bowling in the English Sunday League 40 overs cricket competition.

Medium-pace Weston took his wickets in 27 deliveries on his home pitch which champions Worcestershire earlier showed did not pose any undue problems by making 196 for seven.

Worcestershire's victory by 151 runs breathed fresh life into their ailing title defence — it was only their fourth win in seven games — on a day when Surrey beat Leicestershire to go level on 22 points with leaders Middlesex.

Pass Hampshire's meagre total occupied 23.4 overs and they just managed to pass their lowest League total — 43 against Essex in 1972 — despite being 16 for five at one stage. The lowest-ever total in the competition is 23 by Middlesex in 1974.

Weston, who beat his previous best League figures of four for 44 against Kent four years ago, shared the individual honours



Weston: four for 11

with opener Tim Curtis, who sustained his prolific form by hitting 88 off 106 deliveries.

Off-spinner Chris Bullen and uncapped Kenyan-born batsman Zahid Sadiq were the influential figures in Surrey's four-wicket win over Leicestershire at the Oval.

Bullen took three wickets for five runs in three overs, holding return catches from Nigel Briers



Curtis: scored 88

and Peter Willey and bowling England batsman David Gower for two.

Leicestershire were restricted to 158 for eight in their 40 overs, but Surrey struggled against Peter Willey's off-spin until Sadiq tilted the balance by hitting 33 in 73 balls to help his county home with four deliveries to spare.

Australian captain Allan Border struck his highest League score of 77 as his adopted county Essex fought out a thrilling tie against Sussex at Ilford.



Bullen: three wickets

Replying to a total of 204 for six, Essex arrived at the final over needing five to win with two wickets left.

Wicketkeeper David East collected two runs from paceman Tony Pigott's third delivery but was caught on the boundary

from the next. Then John Lever and John Childs scrambled singles from the last two deliveries to bring the scores level.

Results

At Worcester: Worcestershire beat Hampshire by 151 runs. Worcestershire 196 for seven (Weston 4 for 11, Curtis 88, C. Gower three for 44). Hampshire 45 in 23.4 overs (M. Weston four for 11). Worcestershire four points.

At Ilford: Essex v Sussex — match tied. Sussex 204 for six (Sadiq 33, B. Roberts three for 35). Essex 204 for nine (Willey 33, B. Roberts three for 34). Essex two points, Sussex two.

At the Oval: Surrey beat Leicestershire by four wickets. Leicestershire 158 for eight (Willey 33, B. Roberts three for 35). Surrey 196 for seven (Bullen 3 for 35). Surrey four points.

At Trent Bridge: Glamorgan beat Nottinghamshire by five runs. Glamorgan 198 for four (Sadiq 33, B. Roberts three for 35). Nottinghamshire 193 for seven (Willey 33, B. Roberts three for 34). Glamorgan four points.

At Hemm: Gloucestershire beat Derbyshire by 41 runs. Gloucestershire 228 for eight (Sadiq 33, B. Roberts three for 35). Derbyshire 216 in 36.5 overs (B. Roberts 53, M. Alyne three for 36). Gloucestershire four points.

At Bath: Warwickshire beat Somerset by 32 runs. Warwickshire 202 for eight (Sadiq 33, B. Roberts three for 35). Somerset 170 in 38.2 overs (S. Waugh 68). Warwickshire four points.

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